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A: POLICY

1. 1.1 The Ministry of Education supports an integrated early years and child care system in which school boards, municipalities, and child care professionals work in partnership to provide seamless, high quality programs for children throughout the day.

1.2 Accordingly, it shall be a policy of the Board to support the provision of licensed child care and Before and After School Programs for school-aged children through:

- partnerships with licensed third-party child care operators; and
- Board-operated child care and Before and After School Programs, where a community need has been identified, appropriate space is available, and all legislative, regulatory, and Ministry requirements are met

1.3 The Board recognizes child care and Before and After School Programs as an important extension of its commitment to student well-being, family engagement, and Catholic community building.

B: GUIDELINES

2. 2.1 The appropriate Superintendent of Education shall be responsible for oversight of all child care services operating within Board facilities, including both third-party operated and Board-operated programs, and shall ensure alignment with Board policies, Catholic values, and applicable legislation.

2.2 Where the Board operates its own licensed Before and After School Programs, such Programs shall

- Comply with C*hild Care and Early Years Act, 2014* and all related regulations;
- be governed by Board-approved administrative procedures, and
- operate in alignment with Board priorities for student safety, inclusion, and well-being.

2.3 Where child care services are provided by third-party operators:

- the Board shall enter into a formal lease or service agreement governing the use of Board facilities;
- operators shall maintain required licensing and insurance, including a minimum of two million dollars ($2,000.000) in liability coverage; and

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- operators shall comply with Board expectations related to shared space use, safety and respectful collaboration with school staff.

2.4 The Board shall encourage cooperation and effective communication between schools and all child care programs operating within Board facilities to ensure the safe, respectful, and efficient use of shared spaces

2.5 The Board shall endeavour to include child care space in the design or renovation of schools where funding is available and where doing so supports identified community need.

2.6 The appropriate Superintendent of Education, or designate, shall represent the Board on municipal and system-level early years and child care planning tables to support coordinated service delivery and shared best practices