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1.0 OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board supports the establishment of quality Child Care and Family Support Programs in school settings where the Board can provide space.

2.0 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 2.1 Child Care programs within the Board's schools shall be supportive of, and compatible with, the Board's Mission and Vision and its educational program.
- 2.2 School based child care shall be established to meet the needs of the school community and the community at large where Board resources permit.
- 2.3 Quality school based child care promotes early learning and development opportunities while limiting transitions.
- 2.4 Quality early learning programs set students up for success.

3.0 SPECIFIC DIRECTIVES

- 3.1 The Board shall appoint a Child Care Advisory Committee whose duties shall include assisting the Board in the development of child care policy and assisting Administration in the development of child care procedures.
- 3.2 Under the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014*, Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSMs) are designated as service system managers responsible at the local level for the planning and management of early years services, including child care and child and family programs.

The Board shall work closely with the CMSM to identify suitable early years capital projects that meet the eligibility and priority requirements of the Ministry.

- 3.3 The Board will provide before and after school programs for 3.8 to 12 year olds where there is sufficient demand.

- 3.4 Administration shall establish procedures for the selection of quality child care providers.
- 3.5 Administration shall establish procedures to govern the relationship between the child care providers and the Board.
- 3.6 Administration shall establish admission criteria within its procedures.

4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 It is the responsibility of Administration to establish and administer procedures that support the objective of this policy.
- 4.2 It is the responsibility of the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager to consult with the Board in the development of child care and early years service plans.
- 4.3 It is the responsibility of the Child Care Advisory Committee to fulfill its duties and obligations as set out within this Policy and within any Administrative Procedures.
- 4.4 It is the responsibility of each child care provider within the Board's schools to be familiar with and abide by the provisions of this Policy and the provisions of all Administrative Procedures.
- 4.5 It is the responsibility of the Board and childcare provider to adhere to *Child Care and Early Years Act (2014)*, its regulations, and all other applicable legislation.

5.0 REVIEW AND EVALUATION

- 5.1 The Child Care Advisory Committee will report to the Board annually.
- 5.2 This policy will be reviewed in the 2022-2023 policy review schedule. The effectiveness shall be assessed through Trustee, staff and community satisfaction measures.

6.0 REFERENCES

Child Care and Early Years Act (CCEYA), 2014 and Regulations
Education Act R.S.O. 1990, c.E.2, s. 171 (1).
Education Act, Part IX,1 - Extended Day Programs and Third Party Programs
O.Reg. 137/15 August 31st, 2015
O.Reg. 138/15 August 31st, 2015
O.Reg. 222/11 Extended Day Programs and Third Party Programs
Child Care Modernization Act (CCMA), 2014
Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
A:12 Code of Ethics/Conflict of Interest