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CAUTION: External Message

Dear Charlene McKay:

While families struggle to find child care, and the B.C. government works to expand the current system, a better solution has been left mostly unexplored: school districts directly providing early learning and care in existing elementary school facilities using the seamless day model.

This “seamless day” model extends the regular school day to integrate before- and after-school care with classroom learning by having teachers, early childhood educators and education assistants work as a team.

Public delivery by school boards ensures high-quality care and oversight within an existing governance structure, and resolves major stressors for parents. Benefits include:

- Improved accessibility and fewer transitions for kids;
- Enhanced, education-focused care;
- Coordinated care and learning before, during and after school;
- More secure and reliable child care in every community;
- New opportunities to recruit and retain high-quality education assistants and early childhood educators;
- Cost-effective delivery of high-quality child care spaces; and
- Increased investment in public schools.

Recent decisions by the B.C. government have given school districts the means and mandate to implement before- and after-school programs. With these changes, school districts can implement the seamless day from kindergarten through to grade two, after which the model can be expanded to learners in senior grades.

Given the benefits to families, kids and our schools, I am asking you to implement the seamless day model of before- and after-school early learning and care directly operated by our local school district.

Sincerely,
Deborah Hopper
