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Memorandum to: Senior Business Officials
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Subject: School-Level Data Verification for Child Care Centres Located in Schools

Precipitated by the Canada-wide Early Learning Child Care (CWELCC) agreement with the federal government, the Ministry of Education must ensure there is a sustainable funding model in place that is responsive to child care cost structures to support Ontario's child care system and growth.

As part of the implementation of CWELCC, the ministry is developing a new child care funding formula. To support this endeavour, the ministry is investigating options that would support more standardized accommodation costs, including for child care centres in publicly funded schools, with rates set by the province.

To support the development of these funding rates, the ministry is requesting school boards to provide data on rooms and space (i.e., gross floor area) used by child care centres located in school buildings. To support this exercise, a list of all school-based child care centres from the ministry's Child Care Licensing System has been populated in the Education Capital Information System (ECIS).

School Boards are requested to link room inventory in ECIS to these child care centres by identifying rooms that are used **exclusively** by the child care centre during school hours. Rooms used jointly for child care and schools during the day – for example, a room is used by a child care centre before and after school and by the school during the school day – would be considered joint-use and not exclusive to child care. Please note that space and room usage is intended to be as of the **last day of school in December 2022** (Count date).

Detailed step-by-step instructions to update ECIS are provided in an attached document.

The deadline to update this information in ECIS is May 12, 2023.

This data collection is intentionally small in scope, focusing only on critical information which will help to inform the development of the new funding formula and future planning for child care across Ontario.

Ministry Contacts

For further information, please contact:

- for questions about the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) funding formula: EDU.CCFF@ontario.ca
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Sincerely,

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Attachments:

ECIS Instructions for School Board Users to Enter On-Site Child Care Programs
Child Care Centres in Schools Report - February 28, 2023