



SEAMLESS DAY KINDERGARTEN IN CENTRAL OKANAGAN SCHOOL

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Kelowna, BC – Early learners and their families at Bankhead Elementary will benefit from the expansion of the Province of BC's Seamless Day Kindergarten pilot program.

"The Board of Education is happy to see this expanded childcare support for families in our fast-growing region," said Moyra Baxter, Chairperson for the Board of Education. "We know that safe, inclusive learning spaces and care from trusted educators will foster student success."

The Seamless Day Kindergarten pilot program will employ certified early childhood educators to provide before- and after-school care in kindergarten classrooms as well as support learning alongside the classroom teacher. The program will use existing classrooms at Bankhead Elementary outside of school hours.

"We are glad that local families will get the value of the Ministry of Education expanding this successful pilot program," said Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO. "It is great news for early learners to have a seamless day so they can continue to learn, play, and grow in their new school, beyond the regular school day."

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