
Child care in our schools

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Dear Julia Fraser,

As you are likely well aware there continues to be a child care crisis in our school district. This is particularly true when it comes to before- and after-school care for children in elementary schools.

Province-wide only 12% of school-age children have access to licensed child care and at the current pace of expansion it will take **80 years** to have enough child care for all the families who need it.

The stats for our own school district – including our ranking compared to others – can be found here: https://www.10aday.ca/highly_unequal_access

This is unacceptable in British Columbia – especially when other provinces are much further along in developing their child care systems.

Therefore, I am asking you to use your voice as an elected Trustee on the Board of Education to urgently raise the issue of child care in schools with the Minister of Education and Child Care, Lisa Beare.

Please ask Minister Beare to provide clarity on her government's targets and timelines on achieving universal child care, and ask for the resources and tools necessary for our district to provide before- and after-school care for all children who require it.

I look forward to hearing from you about progress on child care expansion in our school district.

Ashley Machum Hutton

