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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education

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Managers (CMSMs) and District Social Services
Administration Boards (DSSABs)

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SUBJECT: Request for Early Years Capital Program (EYCP)
Funding Submissions

We are writing to announce details of the 2017-18 Early Years Capital Program (EYCP) in support of the government's Renewed Early Years and Child Care Policy Framework which aims to ensure that all children and families have access to a range of high-quality, inclusive, and affordable early years and child care programs and services that are responsive to the needs of families. This plan will create access to licensed child care for 100,000 more children aged 0 to 4 years old over the next five years. To support this commitment the government is investing up to \$1.6 billion in capital funding for child care capital builds and retrofits to support the creation of licensed child care spaces in schools, the broader public sector, and community locations for children aged 0 to 4 years.

In response to this investment in early years and child care capital, the Ministry is launching a new capital funding program called the EYCP. This memo provides the details, eligibility criteria, and submission requirements for this program that focuses on school-based "stand-alone" child care and/or child and family program capital funding requests (i.e., child care and/or child and family capital projects that are not part of a school capital project).

The EYCP will serve as the primary means for capital funding requests associated with school-based stand-alone child care and/or child and family program capital projects that address school boards' and CMSMs'/DSSABs' accommodation needs, and support a "Schools-First" approach through additions and/or renovations. School boards and CMSMs'/DSSABs are invited to submit requests for child care and/or child and family program capital funding to support the capital costs associated with these projects.

The Capital Priorities (CP) program will continue to accept capital funding requests for child care and/or child and family capital projects that are associated with a school capital project (i.e., new school build).

The Ministry has established an Expert Panel on Early Years Capital Standards in Schools with membership from school boards, CMSMs'/DSSABs, and early years providers to provide advice and recommendations to the Ministry on child care and child and family program capital requirements, benchmarks, and funding methodology in schools as well as best practices for child care and child and family program capital design, planning, and construction in schools across Ontario. A Working Group on Early Years Accommodations Costs in Schools has also been established with membership from school boards, CMSMs'/DSSABs, and early years providers to provide advice and recommendations to the Ministry on child care and child and family program accommodation cost transparency and methodology in schools as well as best practices related to sustainability for early years providers in schools. The outcomes of these groups are anticipated in 2018.

Highlights/Summary Points

- Ongoing, multi-year operating funding will be made available to CMSMs'/DSSABs for licensed child care to support new school-based capital builds announced and approved in 2017-18, once the capital space is operational.
- The 2017-18 EYCP projects are required to open no later than the 2019-20 school year.
- School boards and CMSMs'/DSSABs may apply for capital funding support for school-based stand-alone child care and/or child and family program projects. Child care and/or child and family program projects that are associated with a school capital project must be submitted through the CP program for consideration.
- School boards who will not fully expend their Schools-First Child Care Capital Retrofit Policy (SFCCCRP) funding by August 31, 2017 are expected to utilize their uncommitted SFCCCRP allocation towards approved child care capital projects supporting additions and renovations that have been submitted for capital funding consideration under the EYCP.
- School boards and CMSMs'/DSSABs are no longer required to provide a priority ranking for each child care and/or child and family program capital funding

request being submitted for consideration. School boards and CMSMs/DSSABs may choose to continue submitting priority rankings if they choose to do so.

- As of September 1, 2017, a new licensed age group called “family age grouping” for children 0 to 12 years will be introduced to all licensed child care centres (Schedule 4 in Ontario Regulation 137/15 of the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014* (CCEYA)). School boards and CMSMs/DSSABs may apply for a family age grouping room. The new group allows the placement of children of different ages in the same group in the same play activity room, subject to regulations. The family age grouping can have up to a maximum of 15 children, and no more than six children under two years of age. For more information on Schedule 4 visit: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/FamilyAgeGroupings.pdf>
- School boards and CMSMs/DSSABs are required to provide the Ministry with a floor plan approval letter issued by the Ministry of Education’s Child Care Quality Assurance and Licensing Branch as part of their ATP request. (See Appendix F for the Capital Approval Process Chart.)
- Child care and/or child and family program requests for capital funding must be submitted through the Ministry’s School Facility Information System (SFIS). The Early Years Joint Submission template should be downloaded, completed, signed by both the school board and the CMSM/DSSAB and uploaded into SFIS as well as submitted to the school board’s Ministry Early Years Regional Staff (Education Officer and Child Care Advisor) and Capital Analyst.
- School boards and CMSMs/DSSABs are encouraged to consider regional system-wide planning across co-terminus school boards and multi-CMSM/DSSAB areas, where appropriate, to ensure operational viability, and prioritization.
- As capital funding for child and family programs is limited in 2017, the Ministry may approve the child care component of a capital funding request without approving capital funding for the child and family program component, where there are requests for integrated capital projects which include both child care and child and family programs.
- The submission deadline for all EYCP capital funding requests is **August 4, 2017**.

Project Submissions

The Ministry will be accepting capital funding requests for school-based stand-alone child care and/or child and family program projects.

As with previous rounds of the CP program, school boards, in conjunction with their CMSMs/DSSABs, have an opportunity to request capital funding for school-based stand-alone child care and/or child and family program capital projects. The 2017 EYCP

projects are required to open no later than the 2019-20 school year. (See Appendix A for details on child care capital project submission requirements, and Appendix B for details on child and family program capital project submission requirements.)

School boards and CMSMs/DSSABs are required to complete an *Early Years Joint Submission - Capital Funding for Child Care and Child and Family Programs* template to request EYCP funding. The Early Years Joint Submission is to be downloaded, completed, and uploaded into SFIS as well as submitted to school board's Ministry Early Years Regional Staff (Education Officer and Child Care Advisor) and Capital Analyst.

School boards are required to submit their completed Early Years Joint Submission template by **August 4, 2017**. The Ministry **will not** accept Early Years Joint Submission templates after this date. Following this submission window, it is anticipated that there will be future opportunities to submit EYCP capital funding requests later in 2017.

Communications Protocol Requirements for Public Communications and Events

All public announcements regarding capital investments in child care, child and family programs, and/or the publicly funded education system are joint communications opportunities for the provincial government and organizations involved in the projects. Please follow the protocol outlined in Appendix C related to these opportunities.

Ministry Contacts

Child Care and Child and Family Program

If you have any child care and child and family program questions, or require additional information, please contact the Early Years Education Officer or Child Care Advisor assigned to your school board (Appendix D) or:

Jeff O'Grady, Manager, Capital Policy and Programs Branch at 416-325-2027 or at Jeff.OGrady@ontario.ca.

Capital

If you have any capital program questions, or require additional information, please contact the Capital Analyst assigned to your school board (Appendix E).

Communications Protocol

Should you have any questions related to the communications protocol or other requirements, please contact:

Dylan Franks, Senior Information Officer, Communications Branch at 416-325-2947 or Dylan.Franks@ontario.ca.

We look forward to working with you to identify and develop your future child care and child and family program capital projects.

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c.c. Senior Business Officials
Superintendents and Managers of Facilities
Managers of Planning
Early Years Leads
CAOs of Consolidated Municipal Service Managers
CAOs of District Social Services Administration Boards
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Appendix A: Child Care Capital Project Submission Requirements

Child Care Eligibility

The Ministry will consider funding capital projects in schools where there is a need for new child care construction and/or renovations to existing child care spaces for children 0 to 3.8 years of age. School boards will need to have the support of the corresponding Consolidated Municipal Service Manager/District Social Services Administration Board (CMSM/DSSAB) regarding the eligibility and viability requirements to build or renovate child care rooms in the identified school.

When selecting a school for child care, school boards and CMSMs/DSSABs should consider available operating funding (multi-year operating funding will be made available for child care capital projects approved in 2017-18), school capacity, location, long-term viability, cost effectiveness, age groups, accommodation pressures/service gaps, demand, local child care plan, etc. prior to signing the Early Years Joint Submission. When considering long-term school viability, school board planners and CMSMs/DSSABs must consider at least the next five years and use population projections as well as other local data to inform submission decisions including an assessment of:

- Existing empty space within the school.
- Whether or not the school is in an accommodation review, and could potentially close, consolidate or remain open.
- Whether or not the child care and/or the child and family program could potentially be part of a joint use capital project, especially in rural, northern, and small communities.
- Whether the school has existing child care and/or child and family program space.
- The average daily enrollment and the on-the-ground capacity of the school.
- Current utilization rates, and historical/forward trend analysis.
- Number of existing empty classrooms.

Joint Planning and Local Prioritization of Child Care Capital Projects

The Ministry expects school boards and CMSMs/DSSABs to work together to identify the need for dedicated child care space to support children ages 0 to 3.8 years in schools.

School boards and CMSMs/DSSABs are no longer required to separately provide a priority ranking for each child care capital funding request being submitted for

consideration. However, if the school board chooses to provide a priority ranking, they should rank against its other child care capital projects on the Early Years Joint Submission.

If the CMSM/DSSAB chooses to prioritize the child care capital projects they are being asked to sign-off on, they have the two choices for priority ranking:

- 1) By all school boards (e.g., if the English public school board, the English catholic school board, and the French catholic school board all request CMSM/DSSAB approval on their Early Years Joint Submission, the CMSM/DSSAB must prioritize them all together).

This option will require active communication between CMSMs/DSSABs and coterminous school boards to prioritize child care capital projects being submitted by all school boards in the service area of the CMSM/DSSAB.

- 2) By individual school board.

Ministry Prioritization of Eligible Child Care Capital Projects

As originally communicated in the 2015:B11, 2016:B11, and 2016:B19 memorandums, the Ministry will continue to use the following factors to prioritize child care capital projects under this policy should the number of eligible submissions surpass available funding:

- child care replacement due to school closure/accommodation review;
- age groupings (programs serving infants are a priority);
- accommodation pressures/service gaps;
- cost effectiveness and school viability; and
- equitable geographic disbursement of new child care spaces.

Child Care Operational and Accountability Requirements

Approved new construction of child care rooms must meet the following operational and accountability requirements:

- The child care rooms will not result in an operating pressure for the CMSM/DSSAB (multi-year operating funding will be made available to support child care capital projects approved in 2017-18).
- The physical space will be owned by the school board and leased to the child care operator or CMSM/DSSAB. School boards are not to charge operators beyond a cost-recovery level.

- School boards will operate on a cost-recovery basis and recover their accommodation costs (e.g., rent, heating, lighting, cleaning, maintenance, and repair costs) directly from child care operators and/or CMSMs/DSSABs as per the school board's usual leasing process. School boards are not permitted to absorb additional school board facility costs (e.g., custodial, heat, and lighting) and renewal costs (e.g., windows) through Ministry funding, such as the School Facility Operations or Renewal Grant. School boards are not expected to take on additional costs to support facility partnerships, although school boards will continue to use their discretion in supporting partnerships based on their student achievement strategy.
- School boards are required to follow the capital construction approval process for the new construction and/or renovations of child care rooms. As per the Ministry's Capital Accountability Requirements, school boards will be required to submit a space template before designing the project, where applicable. School boards will require an ATP before the project can be tendered.
- School boards and CMSMs/DSSABs should contact their child care licensing representative as soon as possible as all child care capital projects require a floor plan approval letter issued by the Ministry of Education's Child Care Quality Assurance and Licensing Branch prior to receiving an ATP or starting construction. In order to streamline the floor plan approval process, school boards and CMSMs/DSSABs should note to their child care licensing representative if the child care floor plan has been used in the past (i.e., a repeat child care floor plan design) or if the child care floor plan will be used for multiple child care sites in the near future.
- Child care space will not count as loaded space for the purposes of the facility space template. The facility space template should provide details of the child care space under the section "Community Use Rooms."
- School boards will be held accountable for implementing appropriate measures to ensure that the cost and scope of approved child care capital projects are within the approved project funding and do not exceed the Ministry's benchmarks.
- Rooms must be built in accordance with the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014* (CCEYA).
- It is expected that all new child care rooms funded under this policy will be built to accommodate a maximum group size for each age grouping for children 0 to 3.8 years (e.g., 10 infant spaces, 15 toddler spaces, 24 preschool spaces, and 15 family age grouping spaces), and that child care rooms will be for exclusive use during the core school day. Although unobstructed space requirements are per child, infant, and toddler group sizes require additional space for separate sleep areas, change area, etc. These should be considered when developing child care floor plans. Considerations should also include the long-term use of the room,

including the ability to convert to other child care age groups or for classroom use.

- Please note, a new optional approach to age groupings, ratios, and staff qualifications will be implemented starting September 1, 2017 as part of the recent regulatory announcements under the CCEYA. Under the new approach, licensees will have the option of operating under the current requirements for age groupings, ratios, and qualifications (Schedule 1) or applying to adopt the new option (Schedule 4). Licensees and new applicants will have the opportunity to apply for a license under Schedule 4, which would be approved based on set criteria. For more information on Schedule 4 visit:
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/FamilyAgeGroupings.pdf>
 - The new Schedule 4 licensed age group called “family age grouping” for children 0 to 12 years allows the placement of children of different ages in the same group in the same play activity room, subject to regulations. The family age grouping (Schedule 4 in Ontario Regulation 137/15 of the CCEYA) may be an option for licensees as follows:
 - A centre that has 15 or fewer children where the family age grouping is the only age category in the centre.
 - A separate child care program that runs outside of a centre’s standard operating hours (i.e., evenings, overnight, and weekends).
 - A centre that wishes to license a family age grouping alongside other age groups licensed under Schedule 1 of Ontario Regulation 137/15.
- It is important that school boards and CMSMs/DSSABs are taking into consideration licensed child care operator viability, and flexibility where appropriate, when determining appropriate mix of age groupings. Programs created will support continuity of services for children and families in order to accommodate children as they age out of programs. For example, if a toddler room is included in the child care capital project proposal a preschool room must also be available, unless a family age grouping room is in place.
- For the purpose of this policy, an eligible child care operator:
 - is a not-for-profit operator or municipal operator; or
 - has a purchase of service agreement with the CMSM/DSSAB; or
 - is a licensed child care centre that is eligible to receive fee subsidy payments from the CMSM/DSSAB; or
 - is a for-profit operator who:

- already located in a school as a result of an agreement and has a purchase of service agreement, both of which were in place as of July 10, 2012 when the 2012: EL3 Memo was issued; and
 - has not changed ownership or has not terminated the agreement since the 2012: EL3 Memo was issued on July 10, 2012.
- Capital funding for child care cannot be used to address other school board capital needs. Funding will not be provided for school-age child care spaces as the Ministry will not fund exclusive space for before and after school child care programs.

Child Care Capital Funding Calculation and Eligible Expenses

The construction of child care rooms will be funded using the current elementary school construction benchmarks (for both elementary and secondary schools under this policy), including the site-specific geographic adjustment factor (GAF). For this policy, the loading factor used to calculate the capital funding will be 26 pupil places per room regardless of age groupings (e.g., infant, toddler, preschool, and family age grouping rooms will all be funded based on 26 pupil places per room). This approach allows school boards to build child care rooms at maximum group size and allow flexibility to address potential changes under the CCEYA. This funding formula will apply to all new construction of child care, including the replacement of existing child care due to school closure or accommodation review.

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Note: The capital funding for renovation projects for child care will be a maximum of 50 percent of the capital funding for new construction projects.

Eligible expenses include:

- first-time equipping; and
- expenses incurred to meet CCEYA and Building Code standards, which qualify under the Tangible Capital Assets Guideline (TCA), revised April 2015.

Application Process – Early Years Joint Submission

The Early Years Joint Submission includes project details and confirms that the child care program meets all eligibility and viability requirements.

In order to be considered for funding for the construction of new or renovated child care rooms, school boards must work with their CSM/DSSAB to submit a jointly signed

Early Years Joint Submission. School boards must submit an Early Years Joint Submission signed by both the CMSM/DSSAB Manager of Child Care and Early Years System, the school board Early Years Lead, Capital Lead, and Director of Education.

The Early Years Joint Submission is to be downloaded, completed, and uploaded into the School Facility Information System (SFIS) as well as submitted to school board's Ministry Early Years Regional Staff (Education Officer and Child Care Advisor) and Capital Analyst.

Early Years Joint Submissions must be received by the Ministry by **August 4, 2017**.

The Ministry may request supporting documentation following a review of the Early Years Joint Submission.

Appendix B: Child and Family Program Capital Project Submission Requirements

Child and Family Program Eligibility

The Ministry will consider funding capital projects in schools where there is a need for new child and family program construction and/or renovation to existing school space. Child and family program renovation projects must result in new child and family program space (i.e., not a retrofit to an existing child and family program space). School boards will need to have the support of the corresponding Consolidated Municipal Service Manager/District Social Services Administration Board (CMSM/DSSAB) regarding the eligibility and viability requirements to build or renovate space for a new child and family programs in the identified school.

When selecting a school for a child and family program, school boards and CMSMs/DSSABs should consider available operating funding (multi-year operating funding will be made available for child and family program capital projects approved in 2017-18), school capacity, location, long-term viability, cost effectiveness, accommodation pressures/service gaps, demand, local child care plan, etc. prior to signing the Early Years Joint Submission. When considering long-term school viability, school board planners and CMSMs/DSSABs must consider at least the next five years and use population projections as well as other local data to inform submission decisions including an assessment of:

- Existing empty space within the school.
- Whether or not the school is in an accommodation review, and could potentially close, consolidate or remain open.
- Whether or not the child care and/or the child and family program could potentially be part of a joint use capital project, especially in rural, northern, and small communities.
- Whether the school has existing child care and/or child and family program space.
- The average daily enrollment and the on-the-ground capacity of the school.
- Current utilization rates, and historical/forward trend analysis.
- Number of existing empty classrooms.

Child and family programs refer to the following Ministry supported programs: Ontario Early Years Centres (OEYCs), Parenting and Family Literacy Centres (PFLCs), Child Care Resource Centres (CCRCs), and Better Beginnings, Better Futures (BBBFs). As part of Ontario's early years modernization plan, these four programs will be integrated and transformed to establish Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres

(OEYCFCs). While the expectation is that the key features of OEYCFCs are implemented by 2018, it is understood that system integration will take time and adjustments may need to be made in the future. CMSMs/DSSABs will be responsible for the local management of OEYCFCs as part of their existing service system management responsibilities for child care and other human services.

Joint Planning and Local Prioritization of Child and Family Program Capital Projects

The Ministry expects school boards and CMSMs/DSSABs to work together to identify the need for dedicated child and family program space in schools.

School boards and CMSMs/DSSABs are no longer required to separately provide a priority ranking for each child and family program capital funding request being submitted for consideration. However, if the school board chooses to provide a priority ranking, they should rank against its other child and family program capital projects on the Early Years Joint Submission.

If the CMSM/DSSAB chooses to prioritize the child and family program capital projects they are being asked to sign-off on, they have the two choices for priority ranking:

- 1) By all school boards (e.g., if the English public school board, the English catholic school board, and the French catholic school board all request CMSM approval on their Early Years Joint Submission, the CMSM must prioritize them all together).

This option will require active communication between CMSMs/DSSABs and coterminous school boards to prioritize child and family program capital projects being submitted by all school boards in the service area of the CMSM/DSSAB.

- 2) By individual school board.

Ministry Prioritization of Eligible Child and Family Program Capital Projects

As originally communicated in the 2016:B11 and 2016:B19 memorandums, the Ministry will continue to use the following factors to prioritize child and family program capital projects under this policy should the number of eligible submission surpass available funding:

- Projects are “ready-to-go” and the community has already made plans to relocate, replace or build new child and family program space in a school.
- Child and family programs are in locations that are well-positioned to meet local needs and fill identified service gaps, and will align with future OEYCFC planning completed by CMSMs/DSSABs.

- Projects in communities where CMSMs/DSSABs already have familiarity and/or responsibility for child and family programs, and where strong partnerships between the school board and CMSM/DSSAB already exist.

Child and Family Program Operational and Accountability Requirements

Approved new construction of child and family program rooms must meet the following operational and accountability requirements:

- The child and family program rooms will not result in an operating pressure for the CMSM/DSSAB (multi-year operating funding will be made available for child and family program capital projects approved in 2017-18).
- The physical space will be owned by the school board and leased to the child and family program operator or CMSM/DSSAB. School boards are not to charge operators beyond a cost-recovery level.
- School boards will operate on a cost-recovery basis and recover their accommodation costs (e.g., rent, heating, lighting, cleaning, maintenance, and repair costs) directly from child and family program operators and/or CMSMs/DSSABs as per the school board's usual leasing process. School boards are not permitted to absorb additional school board facility costs (e.g., custodial, heat, and lighting) and renewal costs (e.g., windows) through Ministry funding, such as the School Facility Operations or Renewal Grant. School boards are not expected to take on additional costs to support facility partnerships, although school boards will continue to use their discretion in supporting partnerships based on their student achievement strategy.
- School boards are required to follow the capital construction approval process for the new construction and/or renovations of child and family program rooms. As per the Ministry's Capital Accountability Requirements, school boards will be required to submit a space template before designing the project, where applicable. School boards will require an ATP before the project can be tendered.
- Child and family program space will not count as loaded space for the purposes of the facility space template. The facility space template should provide details of the child and family program space under the section "Community Use Rooms".
- School boards will be held accountable for implementing appropriate measures to ensure that the cost and scope of approved child and family program capital projects are within the approved project funding and do not exceed the Ministry's benchmarks.
- It is expected that all Ministry funded child and family programs spaces (until January 2018 when CMSMs/DSSABs will assume responsibility for funding child and family programs) built or renovated under this policy:

- are built to the specifications of a kindergarten classroom;
 - have separate and sufficient washroom space for parents and children using the centre;
 - are located in close proximity to the kindergarten classrooms where possible to support early years transitions;
 - have a separate sink for parents/caregivers and children using the centre; and
 - have appropriate covered space for stroller parking on school property or within the school on the lower level.
- For the purpose of this policy, an eligible child and family program operator:
 - is a not-for-profit operator or municipal operator; and
 - receives support from the Ministry or CMSM/DSSAB to operate a child and family program.
 - Capital funding for child and family programs cannot be used to address other school board capital needs.

Child and Family Program Capital Funding Calculation and Eligible Expenses

The construction of child and family program rooms will be funded using the current elementary school construction benchmarks (for both elementary and secondary schools under this policy), including the site-specific geographic adjustment factor (GAF). For this policy, the loading factor used to calculate the capital funding will be 26 pupil places per room. This approach allows school boards to build child and family program rooms that can be converted for classroom use in the future, if necessary. This funding formula will apply to all new construction of child and family programs, including the replacement of existing child and family programs due to school closure or accommodation review.

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Note: The capital funding for renovation projects for child and family programs will be a maximum of 50 percent of the capital funding for new construction projects.

Eligible expenses include:

- first-time equipping; and

- expenses incurred to meet Building Code standards, which qualify under the Tangible Capital Assets Guide (TCA), revised April 2015.

Application Process – Early Years Joint Submission

The Early Years Joint Submission includes project details and confirms that the child and family program meets all eligibility and viability requirements.

In order to be considered for funding for the construction of new or renovated child and family program rooms, school boards must work with their CMSM/DSSAB to submit a jointly signed Early Years Joint Submission. School boards must submit an Early Years Joint Submission signed by both the CMSM/DSSAB Manager of Child Care and Early Years System, the school board Early Years Lead, Capital Lead, and Director of Education.

The Early Years Joint Submission is to be downloaded, completed, and uploaded into the School Facility Information System (SFIS) as well as submitted to school board's Ministry Early Years Regional Staff (Education Officer and Child Care Advisor) and Capital Analyst.

Early Years Joint Submissions must be received by the Ministry by **August 4, 2017**.

The Ministry may request supporting documentation following a review of the Early Years Joint Submission.

Appendix C: Communications Protocol Requirements for Public Communications and Events

Public Communications

School boards, Consolidated Municipal Service Managers/District Social Services Administration Boards (CMSMs/DSSABs), and/or community partners should not issue a news release or any other media-focused public communication regarding major capital construction projects without publicly recognizing the Ministry of Education's role in funding the project. In addition, school boards, CMSMs/DSSABs, and/or community partners should contact the Ministry of Education to receive additional content for the media-focused public communications, such as quotes from the Minister(s).

The Ministry of Education may also choose to issue its own news release about various project milestones in addition to those prepared by school boards, CMSMs/DSSABs, and/or community partners. If the Ministry chooses to do so, school boards, CMSMs/DSSABs, and/or community partners will be contacted to get quotes, as appropriate.

The intent of this protocol is to secure as much attention and media coverage for these events as possible. By doing so, it will help promote the role of all involved including the Ministry of Education, school boards, CMSM/DSSABs, and/or community partners in bringing exciting new capital projects to benefit local communities.

Major Announcements and Events

Important: For all new school openings, or openings of major additions which includes child care and/or child and family programs and/or community hubs, the Minister of Education and the Minister Responsible for Early Years and Child Care must be invited as early as possible to the event. Invitations should be sent to information.met@ontario.ca. Where appropriate, the Ministry's Regional Manager, Field Services Branch, in your area should be copied.

School boards, CMSMs/DSSABs, and/or community partners are not to proceed with their public events until they have received a response from the office of the Minister of Education or the office of the Minister Responsible for Early Years and Child Care regarding the invitation. School boards, CMSMs/DSSABs, and/or community partners will be notified within 15 business days of their opening event as to the Ministers' attendance. Please note that if the date of your event changes at any time after the Ministers have received the invitation, please advise us of the change at the same e-mail address above.

If the Minister of Education or the Minister Responsible for Early Years and Child Care is unavailable, the invitation may be shared with a government representative who will contact your school board, CMSM/DSSAB, and/or community partner to coordinate the details (e.g., a joint announcement).

Note: School boards, CMSMs/DSSABs, and/or community partners are not expected to delay their announcements to accommodate the Ministers or a Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP). The primary goal is to make sure that the Ministers are aware of the announcement opportunity.

Other Events

For all other media-focused public communications opportunities that are not major events, such as sod turnings for example, an invitation to your local event must be sent to the Minister of Education and the Minister Responsible for Early Years and Child Care by e-mail (see above) with at least three weeks' notice. Again, please send a copy to the Ministry's Regional Manager, Field Services Branch, in your area, where appropriate. Please note that if the date of your event changes at any time after the Ministers have received the invitation, please confirm the change at the same e-mail address above.

School boards, CMSMs/DSSABs, and/or community partners are not expected to delay these "other" events to accommodate the ministers. Only an invitation needs to be sent; a response is not mandatory to proceed.

This communications protocol does not replace school boards' existing partnership with the Ministry of Education's regional offices. Regional offices should still be regarded as school boards' primary point of contact for events and should be given updates in accordance with existing processes.

Acknowledgement of Support

You must acknowledge the support of the Government of Ontario in media-focused communications of any kind, written or oral, relating to the agreement or the project. This could include but is not limited to, any report, announcement, speech, advertisement, publicity, promotional material, brochure, audio-visual material, web communications or any other public communications. For minor interactions on social media, or within social media such as Twitter, etc. where there is a tight restriction on content, government acknowledgement is not required. The same applies to reactive communications (e.g., media calls); however, if possible, such an acknowledgement is appreciated.

Signage

For all capital construction projects that exceed \$100,000, school boards will be required to display signage at the site of construction that identifies the support of the Government of Ontario. Signage will be provided to school boards by the Ministry of Education. School boards are then responsible for posting the signage in a prominent location. This should be done in a timely manner following the receipt of the signage. All signage production costs will be covered by the Ministry of Education, including the cost of distributing the signage to school boards.

Appendix D: List of Ministry Early Years Education Officers and Child Care Advisors

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TORONTO	<p><u>Education Officer:</u></p> <p>Dolores Cascone Tel: 416-314-6300 Toll Free: 1-800-268-5755 Dolores.Cascone@ontario.ca</p> <p><u>Senior Policy and Programs Advisor:</u></p> <p>Jacinthe Leclerc Tel: 416-325-1224 Jacinthe.Leclerc@ontario.ca (French Language Boards)</p> <p><u>Child Care Advisor:</u></p> <p>Isilda Kucherenko Tel: 416-325-3244 Isilda.Kucherenko@ontario.ca</p>	City of Toronto	CS Viamonde CSD Catholique Centre-Sud Toronto Catholic DSB Toronto DSB
		County of Dufferin	CS Viamonde CSD Catholique Centre-Sud Dufferin–Peel Catholic DSB Upper Grand DSB
		Regional Municipality of Halton	CS Viamonde CSD Catholique Centre-Sud Halton Catholic DSB Halton DSB
		Regional Municipality of Peel	CS Viamonde CSD Catholique Centre-Sud Dufferin-Peel Catholic DSB Peel DSB
		County of Wellington	CS Viamonde CSD Catholique Centre-Sud Upper Grand DSB Wellington Catholic DSB
LONDON	<p><u>Education Officer:</u></p> <p>Sue Chanko Tel: 519-870-2187 Sue.Chanko@ontario.ca</p> <p><u>Senior Policy and Programs Advisor:</u></p> <p>Jacinthe Leclerc Tel: 416-325-1224 Jacinthe.Leclerc@ontario.ca (French Language Boards)</p> <p><u>Child Care Advisor:</u></p> <p>Karen Calligan Tel: 226-919-5832 Karen.Calligan@ontario.ca</p>	Regional Municipality of Waterloo	CS Viamonde CSD Catholique Centre-Sud Waterloo Catholic DSB Waterloo Region DSB
		City of Brantford	Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic DSB CS Viamonde CSD Catholique Centre-Sud Grand Erie DSB
		County of Norfolk	Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic DSB CS Viamonde CSD Catholique Centre-Sud Grand Erie DSB
		City of Hamilton	CS Viamonde CSD Catholique Centre-Sud Hamilton-Wentworth DSB Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic DSB
		Regional Municipality of Niagara	CS Viamonde CSD Catholique Centre-Sud DSB of Niagara Niagara Catholic DSB
		County of Huron	Avon Maitland DSB CS Viamonde Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence Huron-Perth Catholic DSB
		County of Lambton	CS Viamonde Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence Lambton Kent DSB St. Clair Catholic DSB
		City of London	CS Viamonde Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence London District Catholic SB Thames Valley DSB
		County of Oxford	CS Viamonde Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence London District Catholic SB Thames Valley DSB

LONDON (cont.)		City of St. Thomas	CS Viamonde Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence London District Catholic SB Thames Valley DSB
		City of Stratford	Avon Maitland DSB CS Viamonde Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence Huron-Perth Catholic DSB
		City of Windsor	CS Viamonde Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence Greater Essex County DSB Windsor-Essex Catholic DBS
		Municipality of Chatham-Kent	CS Viamonde Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence Lambton-Kent DSB St. Clair Catholic DSB
NORTH BAY / SUDBURY	Education Officer: Renée Brouillette Tel: 705-497-6893 Renee.Brouillette@ontario.ca	Cochrane DSSAB	CSD catholique des Grandes Rivières CSD du Nord-Est de l'Ontario DSB Ontario North East Northeastern Catholic DSB
	Child Care Advisor: Lina Davidson Tel: 705-564-4282 Lina.Davidson@ontario.ca Toll Free: 1-800-461-9570	Nipissing DSSAB	CSD catholique des Grandes Rivières CSD catholique Franco-Nord CSD du Nord-Est de l'Ontario DSB Ontario North East Near North DSB Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic DSB
		Parry Sound DSSAB	Near North DSB Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic DSB
		Timiskaming DSSAB	CSD catholique des Grandes Rivières CSD du Nord-Est de l'Ontario DSB Ontario North East Northeastern Catholic DSB
		City of Greater Sudbury	CSD catholique du Nouvel-Ontario CSD du Grand Nord de l'Ontario Rainbow DSB Sudbury Catholic DSB
		Algoma DSSAB	Algoma DSB CSD catholique du Nouvel-Ontario CSD du Grand Nord de l'Ontario Huron-Superior Catholic DSB
		Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB	Algoma DSB CSD catholique du Nouvel-Ontario CSD du Grand Nord de l'Ontario Huron-Superior Catholic DSB Rainbow DSB
		Sault Ste. Marie DSSAB	Algoma DSB CSD catholique du Nouvel-Ontario CSD du Grand Nord de l'Ontario Huron-Superior Catholic DSB
THUNDER BAY	Education Officer: Ana Marie Prokopich Tel: 705-725-6260 Toll Free: 1-888-999-9556 AnaMarie.Prokopich@ontario.ca	Rainy River DSSAB	CSD catholique des Aurores boréales Northwest Catholic DSB Rainy River DSB
	Renée Brouillette Tel: 705-497-6893 Renee.Brouillette@ontario.ca	Kenora DSSAB	CSD catholique des Aurores boréales Keewatin-Patricia DSB Kenora Catholic DSB Northwest Catholic DSB Rainy River DSB
		Thunder Bay DSSAB	CSD catholique des Aurores boréales Keewatin-Patricia DSB Lakehead DSB Superior North Catholic DSB Superior-Greenstone DSB

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OTTAWA	Education Officer: Dolores Cascone Tel: 416-314-6300 Toll Free: 1-800-268-5755 Dolores.Cascone@ontario.ca Senior Policy and Programs Advisor: Jacinthe Leclerc Tel: 416-325-1224 Jacinthe.Leclerc@ontario.ca (French Language Boards) Child Care Advisor: Rachelle Blanchette Tel: 613-536-7331 Rachelle.Blanchette@ontario.ca	County of Hastings	Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic DSB Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario CS Viamonde CSD Catholique Centre-Sud CSD catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario Hastings and Prince Edward DSB Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic DSB
		City of Kingston	Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic DSB Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario CSD catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario Limestone DSB
		County of Lanark	Catholic DSB of Eastern Ontario CSD catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario Upper Canada DSB
		County of Leeds and Grenville	Catholic DSB of Eastern Ontario Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario CSD catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario Upper Canada DSB
		County of Prince Edward, Lennox and Addington	Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic DSB Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario CSD catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario Hastings and Prince Edward DSB Limestone DSB
		City of Cornwall	Catholic DSB of Eastern Ontario CSD catholique de l'Est ontarien Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario Upper Canada DSB
		City of Ottawa	Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario CSD catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario Ottawa Catholic DSB Ottawa-Carleton DSB
		United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Catholic DSB of Eastern Ontario Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario CSD catholique de l'Est ontarien Upper Canada DSB
		County of Renfrew	Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario CSD catholique du Centre-Est de

			l'Ontario Renfrew County Catholic DSB Renfrew County DSB
BARRIE	<p><u>Education Officer:</u></p> <p>Ana Marie Prokopich Tel: 705-725-6260 Toll Free: 1-888-999-9556 AnaMarie.Prokopich@ontario.ca</p> <p><u>Senior Policy and Programs Advisor:</u></p> <p>Jacinthe Leclerc Tel: 416-325-1224 Jacinthe.Leclerc@ontario.ca (French Language Boards)</p> <p><u>Child Care Advisor:</u></p> <p>Maria Saunders Tel: 705-725-7629 Maria.Saunders@ontario.ca</p>	County of Bruce	Bluewater DSB Bruce-Grey Catholic DSB CS Viamonde Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence
		County of Grey	Bluewater DSB Bruce-Grey Catholic DSB CS Viamonde Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence
		Regional Municipality of Durham	CS Viamonde CSD Catholique Centre-Sud Durham Catholic DSB Durham DSB Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic DSB
		County of Northumberland	CS Viamonde CSD Catholique Centre-Sud Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic DSB
		City of Peterborough	CS Viamonde CSD Catholique Centre-Sud Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic DSB
		County of Simcoe	CS Viamonde CSD Catholique Centre-Sud Simcoe County DSB Simcoe Muskoka Catholic DSB
		City of Kawartha Lakes	CS Viamonde CSD Catholique Centre-Sud Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic DSB Trillium Lakelands DSB
		Regional Municipality of York	CS Viamonde CSD Catholique Centre-Sud York Catholic DSB York Region DSB
		District Municipality of Muskoka	CSD Catholique Centre-Sud Simcoe Muskoka Catholic DSB Trillium Lakelands DSB

Appendix E: List of Ministry Capital Analysts

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5.1	Keewatin-Patricia DSB	Jaimie Burke	Jaimie.Burke@ontario.ca	416-325-4297
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52	CDSB of Eastern Ontario	Daniel Cayouette	Daniel.Cayouette@ontario.ca	416-325-2018
53	Ottawa CSB	Daniel Cayouette	Daniel.Cayouette@ontario.ca	416-325-2018
54	Renfrew County CDSB	Shakufe Virani	Shakufe.Virani@ontario.ca	416-325-2805
55	Algonquin and Lakeshore CDSB	Shakufe Virani	Shakufe.Virani@ontario.ca	416-325-2805
56	CSP du Nord-Est	Laval Wong	Laval.Wong@ontario.ca	416-325-2015
57	CSP du Grand Nord de l'Ontario	Laval Wong	Laval.Wong@ontario.ca	416-325-2015
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61	CSC du Nouvel-Ontario	Laval Wong	Laval.Wong@ontario.ca	416-325-2015
62	CSDC des Aurores boréales	Laval Wong	Laval.Wong@ontario.ca	416-325-2015
63	CSC Providence	Laval Wong	Laval.Wong@ontario.ca	416-325-2015
64	CSD Catholique Centre-Sud	Laval Wong	Laval.Wong@ontario.ca	416-325-2015
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Appendix F: Capital Approval Process Chart

Capital Construction Approval Process Updated May 11, 2017		New Schools*		Additions*		Major Retrofits*		Early Years** (Child Care, Child & Family, FDK)
		Repeat Design	New Design	>50% or >\$3.0M	<50% and <\$3.0M	>50% or >\$3.0M	<50% and <\$3.0M	Individual Projects <\$250K
Pre-Design	Facility Space Template	Complete template with most recent adaptation (<5 years)	Board to submit template before hiring architect	Board to submit template before hiring architect	Not Required	Board to submit template before hiring architect	Not Required	Not Required
	Project Manager	Board to appoint a Project Manager (either internal staff or external resource). Board to notify Ministry of name and contact info.						
	Ministry Approval	Ministry must approve scope of project based upon submitted Space Template	Ministry must approve scope of project based upon submitted Space Template	Ministry must approve scope of project based upon submitted Space Template	Not Required	Ministry must approve scope of project based upon submitted Space Template	Not Required	Not Required
	GOAL	Board to retain an architect.						
Pre-Tender	Independent Cost Consultant Report	Board to submit final cost of recent adaptation (<5 years)	Board to submit an Independent Cost Consultant Report before issuing tender	Board to submit an Independent Cost Consultant Report before issuing tender	Not Required	Board to submit an Independent Cost Consultant Report before issuing tender	Not Required	Not Required
	Approval to Proceed (ATP) Request	Board's senior business official to submit the ATP Request Form confirming total estimated project costs does not exceed board's identified funding, including a floor plan approval letter for the child care component.						Not Required
	Capital Analysis & Planning Tool (CAPT)	Board to confirm that data entered in the CAPT for the requested project is in line with the data provided through the ATP Request Form.						Not Required
	Ministry Approval	Ministry's approval required before proceeding to tender. Approval based on identification of sufficient funding.						Not Required
	GOAL	Board to proceed to tender.						
Post-Tender	Tender exceed approved funding amount	Board to either identify additional funding available or make design changes to reduce the project cost. In either case, the board must demonstrate to the Ministry that sufficient funding is available to complete the project.						
	Tender meet approved funding amount	Board to accept tender bid. Important to ensure all project costs are identified and considered.						
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry approvals are not required for retrofits that are 100% funded through School Condition Improvement and Early Years Funding less than \$250K. Consultant to review the design, provide costing analysis and advice, and report on options to ensure cost containment. To be based on drawings that are at least 80% complete. 50% determined by the following: (Estimated project cost / Latest construction benchmark value of the existing OTG (pre-construction) of the facility). * If a child care component is included as part of the project, a floor plan approval letter issued by the Child Care Quality Assurance and Licensing Branch of the Ministry of Education must be submitted as part of the ATP request. ** If a child care component is included as part of the project, a floor plan approval letter issued by the Child Care Quality Assurance and Licensing Branch of the Ministry of Education is still required. 							
Definitions:	Addition: Expansion of the gross floor area of a facility, including child care and child and family program rooms. Major Retrofit: Major structural renovation or reconstruction of the existing building envelop, including child care and child and family program rooms. It does not include expansion of the existing gross floor area. Any project that does expand the gross floor area, but is funded with Ministry funds or >\$1M in Accumulated Surplus is treated as a Major Retrofit.							