



Office of the Director of Education

April 30, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians, TCDSB Staff, Trustees and Child Care Partners:

Earlier this year, the Province approved the implementation of the Full-Day Early Learning-Kindergarten Program at 28 Toronto Catholic District School Board sites for the Fall of 2010. As we move forward with this initiative, I am pleased to share with you that staff has completed the Ministry required consultations with identified partners and has considered the prescribed criteria to finalize its selection of sites for the delivery of Phase II of the Full Day Early Learning Program for September 2011 – 2012.

At the April 28th meeting of the Board, the following sites were approved for submission to the Ministry of Education for consideration for Phase II:

St. Charles Garnier	Our Lady of Lourdes
St. Norbert	Holy Rosary
St. Dominic Savio	Nativity of Our Lord
St. Teresa	St. Wilfrid
St. Rita	St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

The Ministry should confirm the sites by May 21, 2010.

The site selection process for ELP Phase II reflected the revised criteria set out by the Ministry of Education:

- geographic distribution from Year 1 sites (2500m)
- all JK/SK classes in a school can accommodate the new model
- schools did not have an early French-Immersion program
- impact on Best Starts and current childcare
- impact of ELP on primary class size compliance
- impact on grades 4-8 class averages
- impact on existing child care programs

Boards consulted with their coterminous boards, local Best Start Networks, Consolidated Municipal Service Managers and District Social Services Administration Boards during the site selection process. Consideration was given to the impact on existing child care and early years programs, including those operating on school premises.

Please note that based on this revised criteria from the Ministry, additional Phase I sites which were not selected for 2010-11 could no longer be considered for Phase II implementation.


It is the Province's intention to have the Full-Day Early Learning-Kindergarten Program in all publicly-funded elementary schools across Ontario by September 2015.

Much work lies ahead in planning and preparing for the implementation of this exciting new learning initiative for both the phase 1 and phase 2 sites. We will endeavour to keep you informed as we move towards full implementation of Early Learning for all TCDSB schools by September 2015.

We are pleased to continue to make available a wide range of programs and services for young children, including: our already vibrant half-day Catholic Kindergarten program, after-school programs, Parenting and Family Literacy Centres, Ontario Early Years Centres and Child Care Centres.

I encourage you to visit the Board's website for more information about the Early Learning Program, as well as any other programs and services offered by our Board. Please visit www.tcdsb.org regularly to see the latest news and information.

Sincerely,



Ann Perron
Director of Education