



DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Briefing Notes

Date: March 29, 2010

Topic: EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM UPDATE

In response to the changes to the Education Act (Full-Day Early Learning Statute Law Amendment Act), the following provides an update of actions taken to date:

- The March 1st issue of the Director's Bulletin included a job posting for available positions of Early Childhood Educator.
- At the March 3rd meeting of The Ministry Supervisor (The Board), the appointment of Angie Sferlazza to the position of ELP Coordinator was approved.
- A position for Early Learning Resource Teacher will be advertised soon.
- Modes of delivery for the before- and after-school component of the Early Learning Program and the related fees associated with this service continue to be explored.
- Collaboration is ongoing with other school boards in the GTA regarding the before- and after-school component.
- Parents will be notified as soon as possible of the cost for the before- and after-school component of the Early Learning Program, and will be requested to confirm whether or not their child will be attending the extended day portion of the program.
- Parents whose children are on waiting lists for spots in our Early Learning Program sites for September 2010 will be notified by the end of April as to whether or not space will be available for their child(ren).
- Dialogue is ongoing with the City of Toronto regarding the issue of subsidy agreements.
- Development of an information ELP brochure for each school community selected to offer the program.
- Development of a preparation package for parents whose children will be attending a full-day program in September.
- The Ministry of Education has indicated that the "Elect" program and curriculum documents will be provided to school boards by late March/early April. Once in receipt of these materials, the documents will be adapted to reflect our Catholic curriculum and traditions.
- Information and updates about the Early Learning Program are posted to the board's website at www.tcdsb.org/early%20learning%20program/earlylearning.htm.
- Angie Sferlazza is available at 416-222-8282 to provide further information if required.