City-School Boards Advisory Committee

BEFORE-AND-AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS
KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 6

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Beginning September 2017, school boards are required to ensure the provision of before and after school programs in each elementary school in Ontario for students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 [where there is sufficient demand].

(Part IX.1 of the Education Act, 221/11: Extended Day and Third Party Programs)
Program Options

LICENSED Before-And-After CHILD CARE for children in FDK

LICENSED Before-And-After CHILD CARE for children in Grades 1 to 6

Authorized Recreation Programs/Skill Building Programs for children in Grades 1 to 6 (one period only)
Growth—Programs in Schools

Kindergarten 3rd party programs in schools

- 2011: 2
- 2012: 72
- 2013: 166
- 2014: 269
- 2015: 293
- 2016: 318
- 2017: 352

Schoolage programs in schools

- 2009: 310
- 2017: 377
Current Status of BASPs

- Across all four school boards, 67% of elementary schools have a BASP (397 out of 592)
  - 12,031 kindergarten spaces in schools.
  - 18,228 schoolage spaces in schools.
- Plus approximately 74 authorized recreation programs - ARC (33) and Boys and Girls Clubs (41) - in schools
2017 Growth in Schools

- Overall 1,879 kindergarten and 3,005 schoolage spaces were added for the 2017-18 school year.

- This occurred by:
  - adding 64 new services (entirely new BASP locations or new age groups at existing locations)
  - expanding capacity in existing programs – 44 kindergarten and 72 schoolage programs

- In addition, 74 Authorized Recreation programs are now recognized under legislation as BASP operators.
Expansion Process

- Multi-layered joint sector consultation

- Sector Consultation about planning process and establishing demand

- Other factors considered (e.g., size, needs, community-based options)

- School-based survey results
Benefits of BASP
Policy & Guidelines (2017)

- Increased safety, well-being and learning for children.
- Increased access for families.
- Effective partnership and collaboration between Toronto Children’s Services and School Board Staff leading to a more transparent process for families
- Greater continuity of services.
- Recognition of Authorized Recreation & Skill-Building Programs as a new model of care for 6-12 year olds
- Joint professional learning as a sector (Child Care, Recreation & School-based Educators)
Challenges

- Common policy requirements for all districts regardless of size of the population
- Cost/Affordability
- Space
- Ability to meet parental demand (waiting lists)
- Establishing standard business practices across 400 programs
- Aligning requirements across levels of Government
- Authorized Recreation Programs & Exemptions
New Investments in Expanding Child Care

- **City of Toronto:**
  - April 2017: Child Care Growth Strategy

- **Government of Ontario:**
  - May 2017: Provincial Expansion Funding Announcement
  - June 2017: Capital Investments in Schools

- **Government of Canada:**
  - June 2017: Canada-Ontario Early Learning and Child Care Agreement
QUESTIONS?