



Report To:	Program Planning Committee
From:	Donna Moroso, Director of Integrated Social Services Suzanne Malette, Children's Program Supervisor
Date:	November 23, 2011
Re:	New Child Care Centre in in École St-Antoine Noëlville

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB assists Carrefour francophone de Sudbury with the financial support to expand Child Care services in Sudbury East.
2. THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB direct staff to provide Carrefour francophone de Sudbury with funding in the amount of \$104,000 in order to have the space allocated to them in École St-Antoine Noëlville for a Child Care Centre renovated to comply with the Day Nurseries Act. This funding would come from the 2011 Child Care Budget under Program Development - Best Start Ongoing which is funded by the province at 100%.

Purpose

A memo from Assistant Deputy Minister Jim Grieve was distributed on January 13th, 2010 describing how the [Early Learning Program - Extended Day Component](#) will be implemented as of September 2010. The memo provided us with further information about what the extended day component of the Early Learning Program (ELP) would look like. This program will be implemented in all the schools in Ontario by 2015. If the school chosen to implement the Early Learning Program houses a Child Care Centre the School Board can have a third party agreement with the provider in offering the Extended Day component of the ELP.

École St-Antoine in Noëlville has been selected in year three (2012-2013) to implement the Extended Day Early Learning Program in the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Sudbury East region. According to a recent survey completed in the Sudbury East Community, it clearly demonstrates that there is a need for Child Care in the Noëlville area. Currently the only Child Care Centre in the Sudbury East region is located in the Markstay Public School and the provider is the YMCA.

The French Catholic School Board, Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario (CSCNO) and the Carrefour francophone de Sudbury have approached the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB to request funding to further develop Child Care services in Sudbury East. A recent survey completed in Sudbury East recognized that there is a demand for Child Care at St-Antoine in Noëlville. According to the Survey and the Carrefour francophone's budget evaluating the viability of a Child Care Program in Sudbury East, it was determined that this program would be viable at 85% capacity. From our experience with other centres, a 75% to 85% capacity for viability is within the norm. This being the only licensed Centre based Child Care program in Noëlville, staff believe that this program would be viable. Since that school has been chosen to offer the ELP program in year 3 (2012-2013), the School Board has secured space in the school for a Child Care Centre. The space will need to be renovated to accommodate a group of 24 mixed age children plus a before and after school program. The School Board will have a third party agreement with the Carrefour francophone to offer the ELP before and after school program in the school. Opening a Child Care Centre in that school would be a benefit to children in preparation for the Extended Day Early Learning Program.

The purpose of this report is to:

- Ensure the expansion of Child Care Centres in the Sudbury East region and to support Child Care Centres in moving forward the transition of the Extended Day Early Learning Programming.
- Ensure that the daycare and the school work collaboratively together in order to provide the Extended Day programming to 4 and 5 year-olds.
- Financially support the need of Child Care in the Sudbury East region.

Background

On July 8th, 2011, the Children's Programs Supervisor received a letter from the [Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario](#) detailing how in the past few years they have continued to survey the Sudbury East region in order to determine the need for a Child Care Centre in Sudbury East. According to the Best Start Phase 1 Plan it was recognized that the region of Sudbury East was identified as a community that would be able to accommodate a Child Care Centre according to the need.

A recent survey completed clearly indicates that there is a need for a Child Care Centre in École St-Antoine in Noëlville. The school board has developed a partnership with Carrefour francophone de Sudbury to operate a Child Care Centre in that school.

They are asking the DSB for funding under the Best Start Child Care in order to renovate some classrooms for a Child Care Centre.

Objectives

Best Start is based on a vision of improved access to high quality early learning and Child Care programs which support parents in their role and help to make children's transition into school as smooth, seamless and successful as circumstances permit. The objective of this report is to help families in the Sudbury East region have access to a Child Care Centre in their region that will be able to provide them with the support they need to make this an easy transition for their children.

Funding Parameters

This one time funding in the amount of \$104,000 would come from the Child Care Budget under the ongoing Child Care Program Development - Best Start Ongoing which is funded by the province at 100%.

Conclusion

According to the surveys conducted in the Sudbury East community there has always been a demand for Child Care but the main problem was there were no providers to operate the Child Care at that time. As the French Catholic School Board has indicated in their July 8th, 2011 letter to the DSB, they now have been able to identify a third party to manage the Child Care in École St-Antoine, "Carrefour francophone de Sudbury". DSB staff have met with Carrefour francophone de Sudbury and they confirmed their interest in operating the Child Care Centre in the Sudbury East region. Carrefour francophone de Sudbury has provided the DSB with a viability plan and we believe the Child Care will be viable. In order for Carrefour francophone de Sudbury to operate the Child Care they will have to renovate the space provided by the School Board in order to comply with the Day Nurseries Act.