

May 11, 2021

Before- and After-School Program Expansion

Dear Before-and After-School Program Colleagues,

Thank you for your continued work and dedication to families during these challenging times.

As the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out amps up, we are eagerly looking forward to brighter days and the return to in-person learning. In spite of the current mandated school and before- and after-school program (BASP) closure, we continue to plan for the upcoming 2021-22 school year.

Some BASP operators have reached out to us about program expansion. As outlined in our [Early Learning and Care Policy](http://ppf.tdsb.on.ca/uploads/files/live/98/187.pdf), the TDSB supports the continued growth of BASP and increased access for our students and families.

We recognize the instability of the current environment and respect that many of you may not be considering expansion at this time. If you *are* considering expansion, however, please contact your Early Years Coordinator and the school principal prior to May 21, 2021.

Please note all changes to BASP occupancy within the school must be reflected on your lease. To that end, if you plan to expand your program(s), please work with the school principal to identify any new shared space classrooms. Once this has been completed, in consultation with your Early Years Coordinator, you and the school principal will need to complete a revised space request form by June 15, 2021.

We strongly recommend that you contact both the Ministry of Education and Toronto Children’s Services if you decide to expand, so that they may support you in ensuring that licensing and fee subsidies are in place for September 2021.

Should you have any questions or want to discuss BASP expansion, please reach out to your Early Years Coordinator: Karen Guthrie (karen.guthrie@tdsb.on.ca) for schools in LC 2 & 3, and Nadie Lekosky (nadejda.lekosky@tdsb.on.ca) for schools in LC 1 & 4.

Sincerely,

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