

# CHILD CARE IN ONTARIO SCHOOLS

Alignment and Expansion A Report on the Current State of Early Learning and Child Care in Ontario Schools

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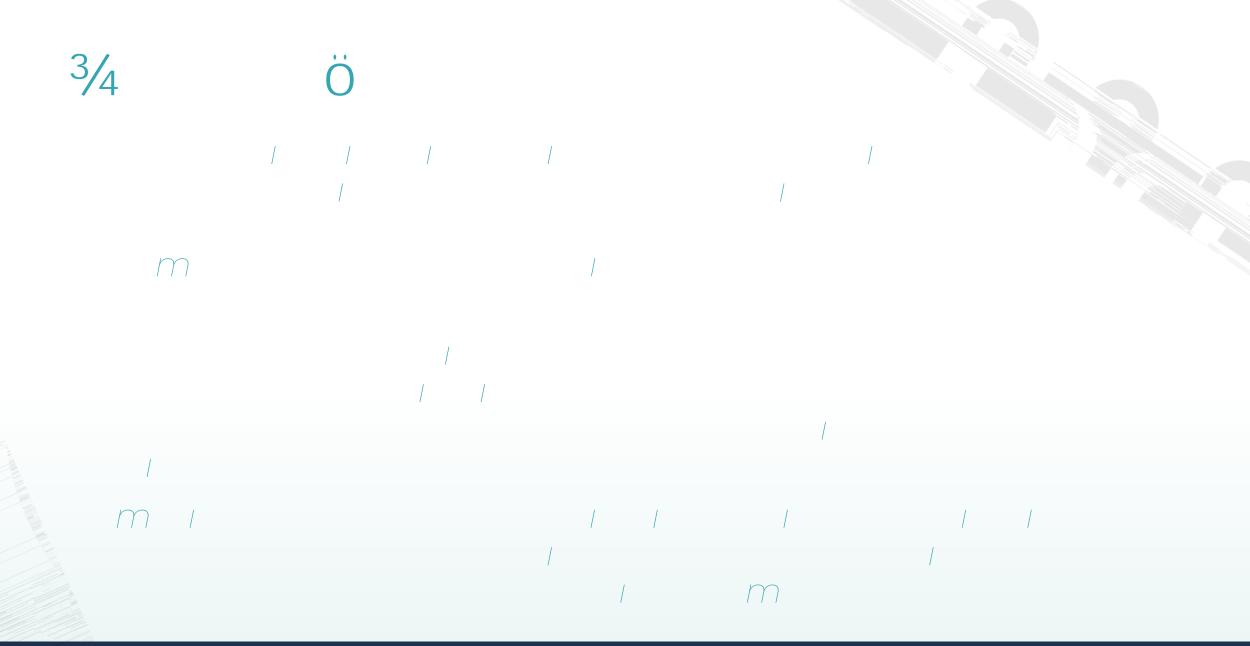


## É not-for-profit success story

The majority of Ontario's child care centres (54%) are in public schools, far ahead of any other province.

6 out of 10 of these centres in public schools are beforeand-after-school programs exclusively serving children of kindergarten and school age

This is not a surprise because schools in Ontario are mandated to provide beforeand-after-school child care



# The problems

#### Space shared space and new spaces

Shared space for before and after school child care programs often create frictions Effective protocols engaged principals and much communication are the best cure

#### Staffing especially because of split shifts

Directly' operated programs avoid split shifts but others hathers have



## Who needs to do what?

#### The Ministry of Education

- Continued support for ELCC in the schools including directly operated before and after school child care
- A wage grid to establish wage parity
- A guaranteed future revenue stream a funding formula
- Money to support expansion capital grants
- School Boards or Service System Managers to handle detailed work of expansion financing design construction management



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#### **School Boards**

Procedural manual clarifying relationships with child care and before and after school programs BASPS in every school

Senior school staff to meet at least annually to review alignment of procedures between child care centres and schools

Educational workshops including principals at the beginning of every school year to ensure that protocols and procedures are well understood

Meetings at least quarterly between Early Childhood Leads Supervisors and local service system managers

Offer joint professional development opportunities for school staff and child care staff together