



School District No. 60

PEACE RIVER NORTH

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DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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School District # 60 Administrators:

Mr. Griff Peet
Ms. Karen Gonzales
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Ms. Laurie Wright

Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: Childcare BC New Spaces Fund Grant Applications and Before/After School Programs

As you know, School District #60 (Peace River North) applied for grants to create before and after school programs at your 4 locations: Duncan Cran Elementary, Bert Ambrose Elementary, Robert Ogilvie Elementary and Alwin Holland Elementary. Unfortunately, the Ministry of Children and Family Development have delayed the grant announcements from the previous date of August 10th to September 2020. This delay has implications for funding, licencing, and transportation.

In addition, the COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 School Settings and the Ministry of Education - Five Stages Framework for K-12 Education have specific recommendations for extracurricular activities. The documents advise that if children cannot stay in their learning group cohorts then either activities must occur outside or physical distancing must occur when indoors. The current COVID-19 guidelines indicate these measures will be revisited mid-fall.

The Board of Education is committed to the establishing in-school before and after programs as there is significant need in our community for this type of childcare. However, between the grant approval delay and the current guidelines around learning groups, the District feels it is prudent to delay, in the short-term, the establishment of before and after school programs in your schools.

The District understands our delay may create challenges for families that need childcare. There are currently before/after spaces available in licenced programs within our community. Families are encouraged to contact the Childcare Resource and Referral Center at 250-785-5701 for information on currently available programs.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours truly,

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