

Monday, April 4th 2022

Dear BGC Hamilton-Halton Families,

We are happy to welcome the long-awaited news that a federal-provincial child care agreement has been reached. This will be a transformational shift, improving accessibility and affordability of high-quality licensed child care in Ontario.

While we wait for more details on the process for implementation, one of the immediate next steps will be the release of an application for child care providers to the Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care system. As part of our continued commitment to excellence in providing your children with the highest quality care, once available, *BGC Hamilton-Halton will be applying to join this program.* Once approved, we will communicate the next steps with parents and caregivers.

We look forward to being part of this positive change in the accessibility of high-quality licensed child care for Ontario families and specifically for those in Hamilton and Halton.

In the meantime, we have attached the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education's [letter](#) for all parents and caregivers, which provides further details about the announcement and the process to implement the Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care system here in Ontario.

We will continue to keep you updated as new information becomes available.

Sincerely,



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