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Transfer of child care programs

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Starting in September 2012, the Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario (CSCNO)'s early childcare partners will ensure the management of the before-and-after Full Day Kindergarten Program (FDKP) in its schools where this program is offered. This includes services provided at Sacred Heart School in Espanola and St. Mary in Massey.

The CSCNO decision, which relates to the management of its before-and-after program offered to Junior and Senior Kindergarten students (ages 4 and 5), is linked to the significant changes brought to the 2011 Education Act. These modifications gave Ontario school boards the possibility of establishing agreements with early childcare specialists in regards to the management of the before-and-after Kindergarten program.

"Having studied the needs of our families, the school board determined that it would be in the interest of our students if the management of this program was transferred to our school partners," explained Lyse-Anne Papineau, CSCNO Director of Education. "We are confident that this decision will ensure that the quality of this highly valued service will not be compromised. While respecting the program's specific goals, the change reflects the respective responsibilities of our board and our partners."

The CSCNO is committed to working closely with its partners to ensure a seamless transition in the management of this service, as well as seeing that the before-and-after school program meets the standards set by the government's Full Day Kindergarten Program.

"The Conseil scolaire is very fortunate that it already benefits from a harmonious relationship with its partners offering daycare services in its schools," stated CSCNO President, Marcel Montpellier. "Our close ties, which pre-date the establishment of the extended learning program by several years, will enable our families to continue to reap the benefits of this important service provided in our schools."

The Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario offers a French Catholic Educational Program that is widely recognized for its excellence. The CSCNO provides a quality learning environment and academic program that runs from early childhood to adult education, with some 7,200 students in 27 elementary and 10 secondary schools.

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