



June 30th, 2014

Fern Dominelli
Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board
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Dear Mr. Dominelli,

We would like to thank for your letter dated June 18th, 2014 regarding the integration of a Best Start Hub as well as 2 child care centres in the new school to be constructed in Espanola.

Le Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario and Huron-Superior Catholic Superior District School Board are committed to ensuring that the families of the Espanola area have access to the necessary services. Both school boards have already begun the process of requesting funding for the child care centers. To date, the Ministry has indicated that each board will receive funding for the replacement of current child care centers based on the current needs of the community. As the planning progresses, the committee responsible for the construction will consult with all partners regarding the replacement of the child care centers.

The boards have also been in discussion with the Ministry regarding the inclusion of a Best Start Hub in the new school. At the present time, the Ministry of Education indicates that there is no funding available for the construction of Best Start Hubs. The Ministry has indicated that they will continue to work with the Early Learning sector of the Ministry on this issue. In the meantime, both boards are committed to include a shared Best Start Hub in the construction project as long as it financially feasible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to communicate with either Cathy Modesto at (705)673-5626 or Chris Spina (705)945-5625.

Sincerely,

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