



**Waterloo Region  
District School Board**

## ***Doon South Elementary Schools Boundary Study***

### **Frequently Asked Questions Re: Child Care**

***Will the New South Kitchener (Groh Drive) School have a 3<sup>rd</sup> party child care operator?***

[Board Policy 1011 – Facility Partnerships](#) and [Administrative Procedure 4990 – Facility Partnerships](#) requires the Board to notify approved community partners, including non-profit child care operators, a minimum of 1 year prior to the potential construction start date when considering building a new school. A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be issued to all entities on the notification list once a firm opening date is set.

***Will the Board guarantee a child care space for my child if they have to change schools?***

The Board cannot guarantee child care spaces. There are three different kinds of child care options available to families that are connected to the schools in the Doon South community.

1. 3<sup>rd</sup> party child care centres are connected to 2 Doon South schools
  - a. Brigadoon YMCA Child Care (2.5 years – 12 years)
  - b. J.W. Gerth YMCA Child Care (18 months – 12 years)
2. [Extended Day Program \(EDP\)](#)
  - a. For children in Grades JK-2 (ages 4 to 7)
  - b. Run by WRDSB staff
  - c. The WRDSB determines the viability of each school site based on enrolment (interest)
    - i. EDP offered at J.W. Gerth and Pioneer Park Public Schools in 2013-14
    - ii. EDP may be offered at Brigadoon Public School in 2014 when the Full-Day Kindergarten program is implemented
3. [Youth Development Program \(YDP\)](#)
  - a. For children in Grades 3-6 (ages 8 to 12)
  - b. Often run by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party provider (i.e. YMCA)
    - i. YDP offered at J.W. Gerth (Before and After school) and Pioneer Park (After school) Public Schools in 2013-14, operated by YMCAs of Cambridge and Kitchener-Waterloo
  - c. 3<sup>rd</sup> party operator determines the viability of each school site

If students ages 8 to 12 were added to Doon Public School, the WRDSB would put out a request to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party operator to offer a Youth Development Program. This program would be interest-based (operator and parent interest).

***Will my child be grandfathered at my current school because they have a child care space with the 3<sup>rd</sup> party provider?***

Unfortunately we cannot make blanket exceptions to families with students enrolled in the 3<sup>rd</sup> party child care centres that are connected to our schools. If the boundary changes impact your family, and there are exceptional circumstances that would require you to stay at your current school, we ask that you follow [Administrative Procedure 1040 – Boundary Requests Elementary Schools](#) and formally request this exception.