



# Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board

## Media Release

### Rainy River District Children's Services

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The Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) would like to confirm that in conjunction with the \$15 M Provincial investment in capital that is proceeding across the district as listed below, a review of the current Service Delivery model was completed.

- \$2.4 M Rainy River – Retrofit/addition to existing High School - JK to Grade 12
  - Addition of Childcare Centre 39 spaces - 15 Toddler and 24 Preschool
  - Addition of Child & Family Centre
  - Operational September 2019
- \$2.4 M Emo – Retrofit/addition to Donald Young School – JK to Grade 8
  - Addition of Childcare Centre 49 spaces – 10 Infant, 15 Toddler and 24 Preschool
  - Operational September 2019
- \$2.4 M Fort Frances – Addition to Robert Moore School – JK to Grade 8
  - Addition of Childcare Centre 49 spaces – 10 Infant, 15 Toddler and 24 Preschool
  - Operational September 2019
- \$1.6 M Fort Frances – New Build Catholic School – JK to Grade 8
  - Addition of Childcare Centre 39 spaces – 15 Toddler and 24 Preschool
  - Operational September 2019
- \$2.8 M Fort Frances – New Build United Native Friendship Centre
  - Addition of Childcare Centre 49 spaces – 10 Infant, 15 Toddler and 24 Preschool
  - Operational December 2020
- \$3.4 M Atikokan – Retrofit/addition to existing High School – JK to Grade 12
  - Addition of Childcare Centre 49 spaces – 10 Infant, 15 Toddler and 24 Preschool
  - Addition of a Child and Family Centre
  - Operational September 2020

After a careful and lengthy review of several service delivery models, a decision by the RRDSSAB to move to a direct delivery model with direct operational control was made. CAO, Dan McCormick noted, “With the RRDSSAB board, we will be able to react quickly and more consistently, with a common voice to improve access, and improved service delivery in a standardized format to parents across the district”.

Key objectives in moving to direct delivery included:

- Direct oversight by RRDSSAB Board of directors

- Increased number of Childcare spaces
- Potential to reduce Parent Fees
- Potential to improve hours of operations
- Improvements to Staff remuneration
- Improved sustainability
- Standardized service delivery
- Co-located with schools to reduce operational costs
- One drop off/pick up location for parents

In the forthcoming months, the RRDSSAB will be doing an open call for employment for staffing of all of the new locations across the district. Hiring will include a Children's Services Operations Supervisor, Centre Supervisors, Resource Teachers, Early Childhood Educators, as well as, support staff & Children & Family Centre Staff.

We are working with current operators to ensure a smooth transition in each location, without any service interruption.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with information on Rainy River District Children's Services. Should you have any questions please contact:

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