

Putting the Public into Early Learning and Child Care

December 1, 2023

Waterloo Region District School Board
Region of Waterloo, Children's Services

Before and After School @ WRDSB

Prior to 2010 - Third Party Operated Programs Only

Less than 9% of students had access to Before and After school care. Programs had long waiting lists.



School Board & CMSSM Partnership

Barb Cardow Director of Children's Services



Before and After School team at John Darling P.S participating in Early Years Engage Goal Setting (November 2023).

Before and After School @ WRDSB

Current Hybrid Model (Third Party & Board Operated Programs)

- WRDSB has an agreement in place with child care operators delivering services in schools to ensure consistent policies and procedures and access for all families
 - 100% of WRDSB schools now offer Before/After School Programs
 - Programs are subsidy eligible
- Approximately 4, 000 children attend our board operated Before/After School Programs



CWELCC Timelines

**CWELCC
approved**

Board decision

License applications completed

Licenses



March 2022

April 2022

Sept 2022

June 2022

Pressure Points

Expanding Programs for Students and Families in all Schools

- Requires ongoing hiring of Designated Early Childhood Educators and Educational Assistants
- Working alongside multiple child care operators to align services to ensure families have access to affordable, inclusive, high quality programs

Administrative work involved with Licensing

- CCLS
- Inspections
- Different rules 9-3pm vs 3-6pm



Video

<https://www.wrdsb.ca/beforeafter/>

