

Seven benefits to expanding preschool programs in public schools

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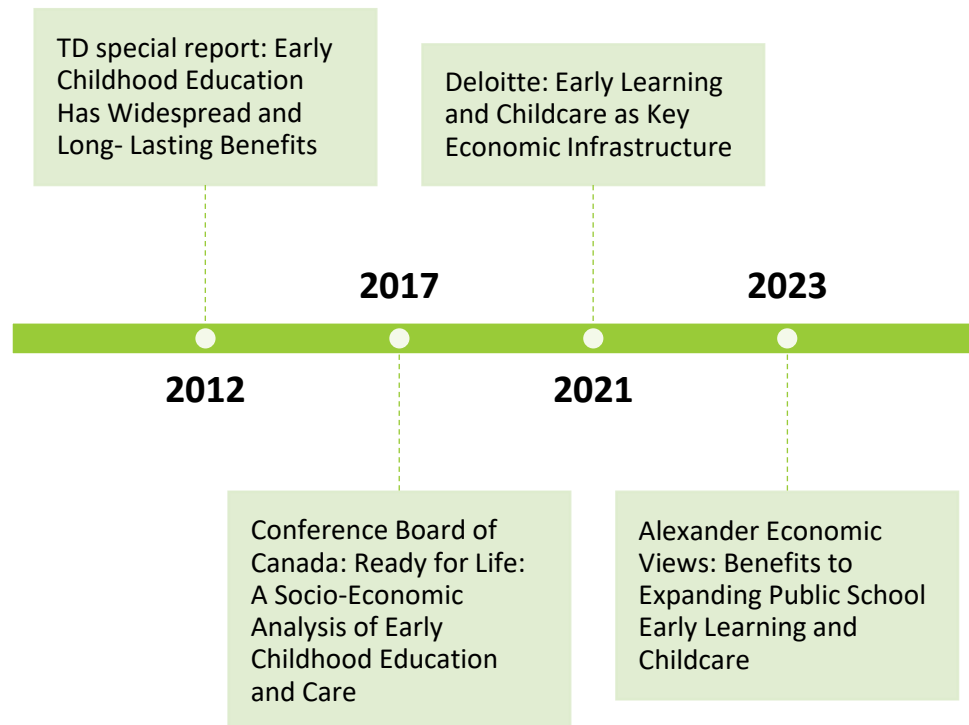


Benefits to Expanding Public School Early Learning and Child Care



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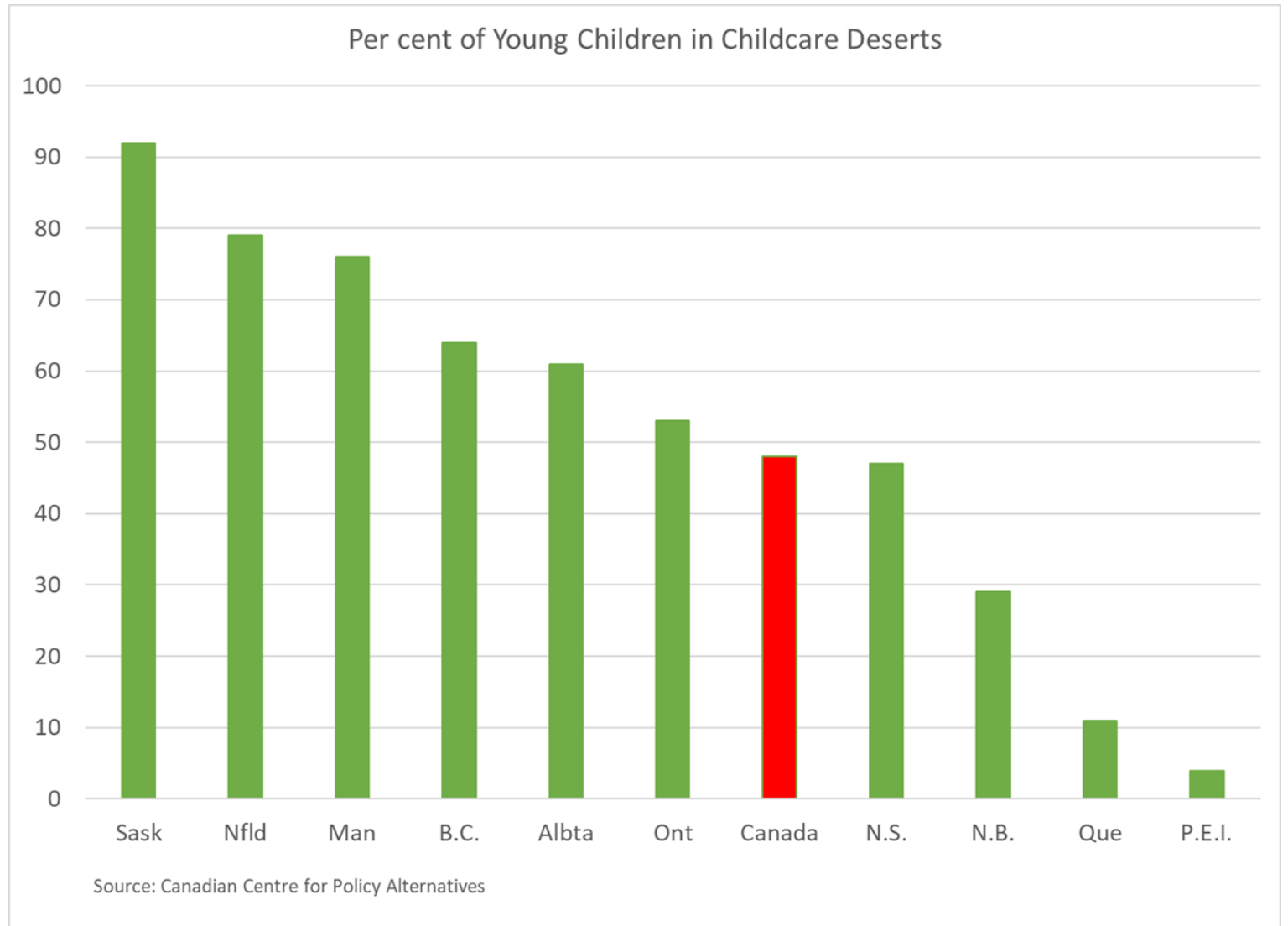


Gradual move toward public education

ECER Benchmarks	2011	2020
ECE Curriculum guide aligns with Kindergarten	5	13
Kindergarten/Pre-kindergarten educators have ECE qualifications	2	9
Full Day Kindergarten	6	10
ECE under a common ministry	4	8

*Early Childhood Education Report 2011, 2020

#1 Schools are in every neighborhood, eliminating childcare deserts and allow rapid expansion



#2 School Programs Maximize Inclusion and Diversity, Increasing Impact of ELCC

Pre-emptive nature of ECE can reduce future education costs

Significant human resources

Mandatory attendance from age 6 has resulted in schools developing significant capacity to include all children

Significant knowledge

#3 Schools can Provide a High-Quality Continuum of Learning

- Removing profit margins raises quality
- Takes early education out of corporate control

Boosted and lasting:

- behavioral regulation
- social skills
- language
- literacy/numeracy

Continuum of :

- inclusion
- curriculum
- pedagogy
- professional learning
- transitions

#4 Public Schools Attract and Retain High-Quality Early Childhood Educators

- Recruitment, retention, career progression a challenge for licensed child care
- ECEs attracted to better compensation packages at schools
- But equally toward a more supportive and diverse school staff

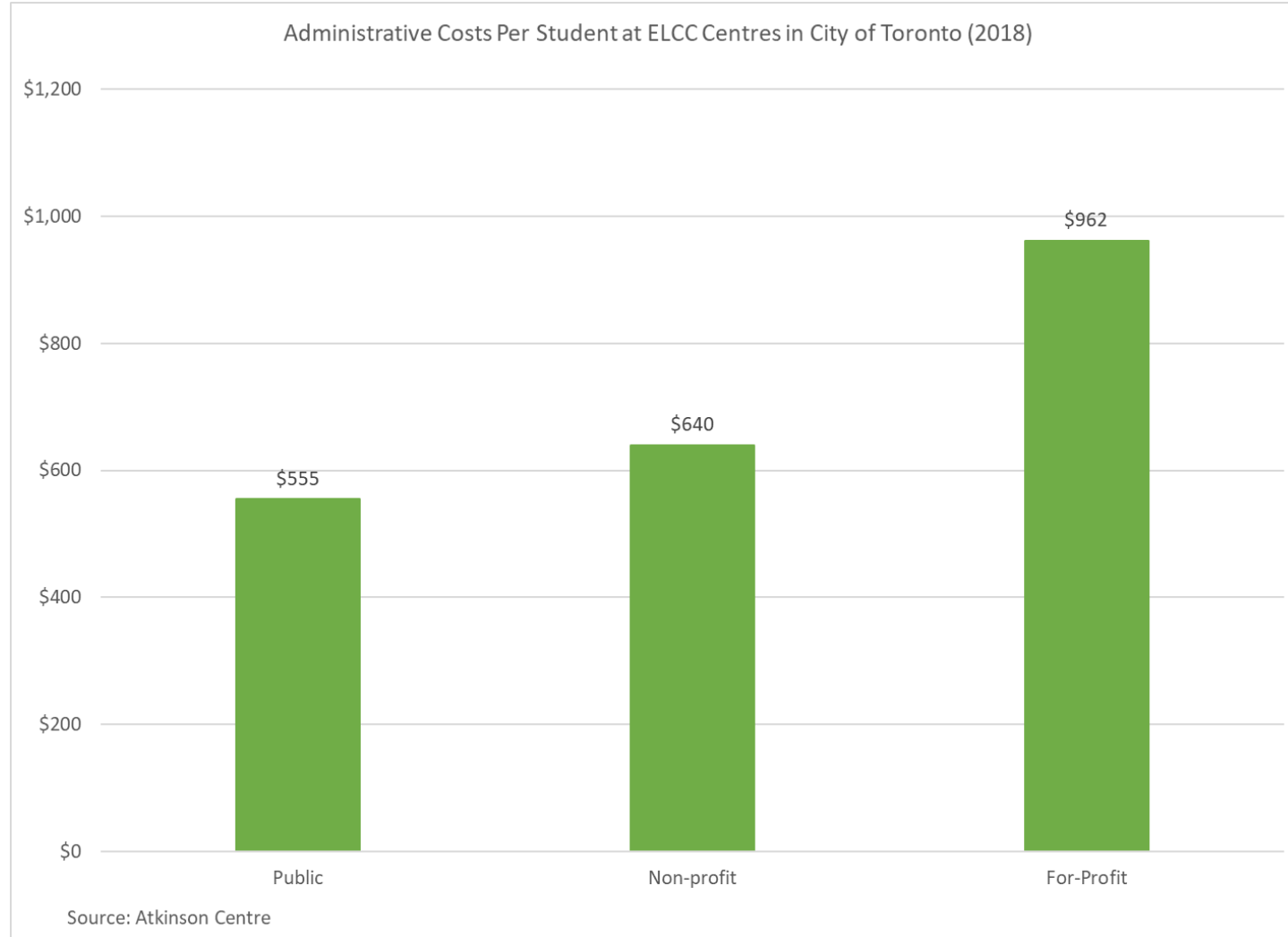


#5 Cost Savings Through Economies of Scale of Public Sector

Support from school councils, principals, janitors, secretaries, counsellors, educational psychologists, speech language pathologists, and special education teachers.

Negotiate lower prices from suppliers of food, toys and other goods and services.

Cost savings can offset some of fiscal cost from public sector higher compensation

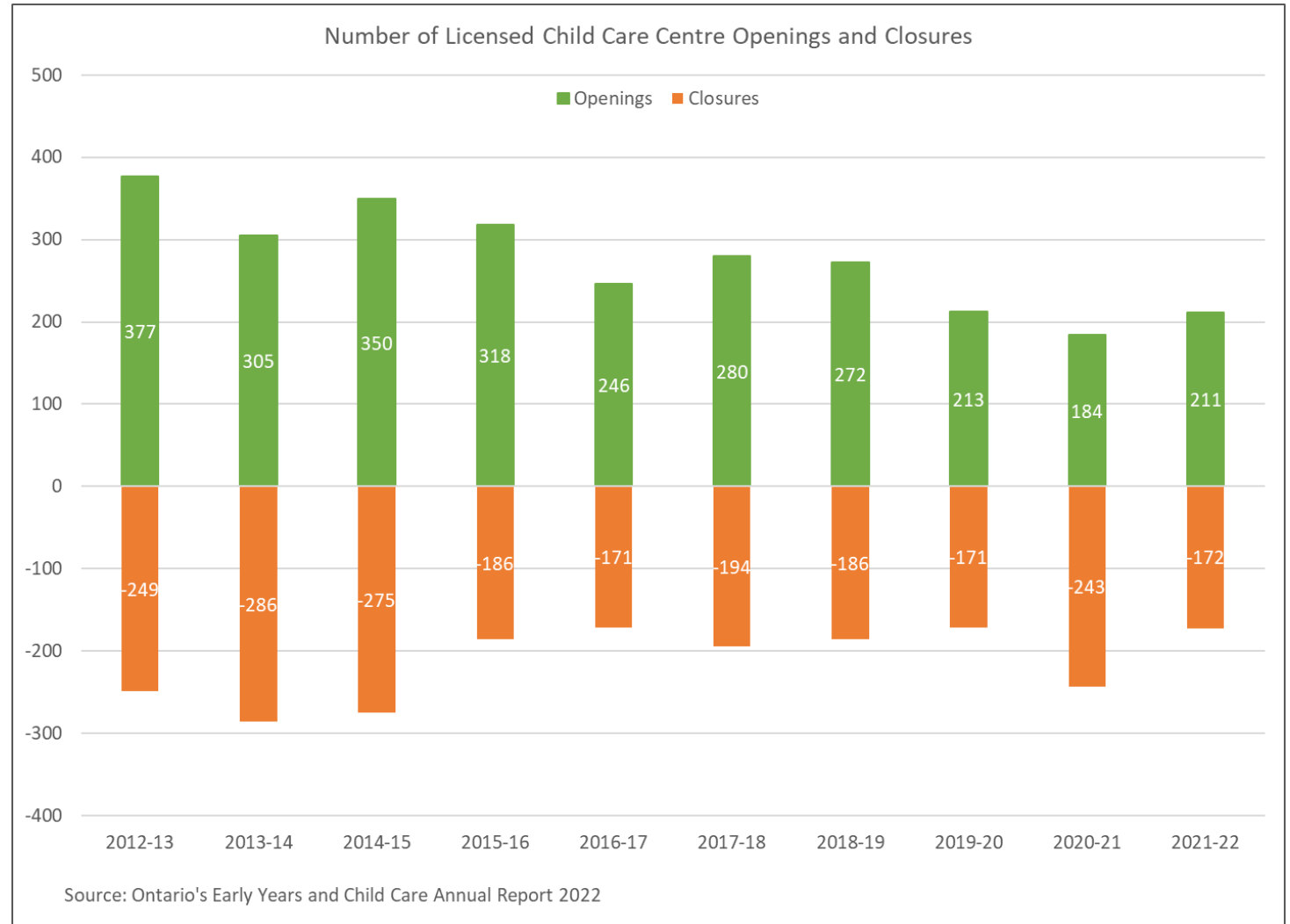


#6 Strong Governance and Political Accountability for Outcomes and Taxpayer Dollars

- Schools benefit from strong governance and data collection/impact testing on school performance.
- Provinces have a clear and publicly understood responsibility for education policy.
- Parents hold governments accountable if their children are not performing.
- Monitoring and reporting on ECE investment more crucial than ever.
- Pre-K school-delivered programs become an integral part of the learning continuum, influence pedagogical practices in primary grades.

#7 Reduce Risk of Sustained Disruptions in Childcare Supply

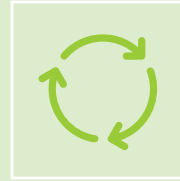
- Schools do not struggle to stay viable
- Gov't fluctuations in supply/demand
- Labor disruptions short-term
- Educators have wide public support



Concluding Remarks



New paper will fuel
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A paradigm shift is occurring,
driven by the need to expand
and knowledge of what quality is



Today, consider the reciprocity of
both sectors being more closely
aligned

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