



January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you are keeping healthy and safe.

As announced today, January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022 by Doug Ford, Ontario's Premier, Schools will be closed for in-person learning and will be switching to Remote Learning as of January 5<sup>th</sup> 2022 currently planning to reopen to in-person learning January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

During the closure of schools for in-person learning and transition to remote learning, our early learning child care programs (infant, toddler, preschool) will remain open and operate as per usual. Our before and afterschool programs will be closed during the entire school closure period.

To support the parents of school-aged children who may not be able to support their child's learning/care at home, the Ministry of Education will be implementing an emergency child care program for school-aged children for eligible essential services workers at no cost to families.

Once more details are released, we will be sharing the Ministry's eligibility essential service list and the process for registering your child in Emergency Child Care with the YMCA of Northeastern Ontario.

Please note, no school-age spaces will be lost during the closure period. As we did not have sufficient notice to reflect these changes on your January payments, we will use any credit from January and apply it toward your future payments. As mentioned, school-age programs will re-open once children return to in person learning. We apologize for the short notification and understand this is a very difficult situation for all and appreciate your patience and understanding at this time.

Please know that the continued health and well-being of our children and families are of the utmost importance to us. Should you have further questions, please speak with your child care supervisor or manager

Sincerely,

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