

1.0 General

- 1.1 The Board of Education for School District 10 (Arrow Lakes) recognizes the value and importance of available child care and quality early learning programs in SD10 communities.
- 1.2 The Board recognizes that its primary obligation is to provide school age educational programs; however, the District, along with school district stakeholders, and community partners can play an important role in planning, developing, and coordinating childcare in the Arrow Lakes communities.
- 1.3 To facilitate the operation of childcare, the Board supports the use of board property for childcare services where;
 - 1.3.1 operationally feasible
 - 1.3.2 and where childcare operations and services do not disrupt or otherwise interfere with the provision of educational activities including early learning programs and extra-curricular school activities.
- 1.4 Childcare operations will be conducted in alignment with Board Policies, Vision and Mission Statement
- 1.5 Childcare operations will embed strongly rooted district practices of inclusion, place-conscious learning, experiential learning, and First Peoples Principles of Learning.

2.0 Guiding Principles

- 2.1 The Board will consider community need for childcare programs on Board property through a process of engagement with employee groups, parents and guardians, Indigenous community representatives, rightsholders, service providers, and existing childcare operators as appropriate.
- 2.2 If childcare programs are to be provided on Board property, the Board will consider whether those programs are best provided by the Board, licensees other than the Board, or a combination of both.
- 2.3 Revenue obtained by the Board from childcare services, or from the use of board property by licensed childcare providers will not be more than the direct and indirect costs incurred by the Board as a result of providing the service of childcare.
- 2.4 Licensed childcare providers are required to enter in a shared use agreement with the School District.