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KDSB will ensure the continuation of Child Care programming in Ear Falls

On May 26, 2020, the Township of Ear Falls provided public notice that it has terminated its agreement with the Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) to provide Child Care and EarlyON services within its community. The KDSB is the Child Care Service System Manager for the Kenora District and is responsible for planning and managing licensed Child Care services and EarlyON Child and Family Centres.

“Child Care and Early Years funding has been a difficult challenge for communities across the District of Kenora for several years. KDSB’s Board and Municipal leaders have been raising this issue with the Ministry of Education. The impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic have only added additional pressures on what was an already financially fragile program,” says Henry Wall, Chief Administrative Officer of the KDSB. He adds, “The KDSB’s Early Years team will be working hard to establish a new Child Care and Early Years program in the community by September 1, 2020.”

The KDSB’s priority is to ensure that families and their children have access to Child Care that is affordable and accessible. Effective immediately, the KDSB will be working with its Board and the Township of Ear Falls Mayor and Council to assure that the Child Care needs of the community are met.

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