



**AD HOC POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE
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**AMALGAMATION OF POLICY P.035.SCO EXTENDED DAY PROGRAMS AND
POLICY P.059.SCO CHILD CARE PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS**

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PURPOSE:

1. To seek input on the proposed amalgamation (Appendix A) of Policy P.035.SCO Extended Day Programs (Appendix B) and Policy P.059.SCO Child Care Programs in Schools (Appendix C).

STRATEGIC LINKS:

2. In order to address the policy backlog that the OCDSB has been experiencing for a number of years, staff has been giving consideration to whether a policy could be combined with another related policy with a goal of streamlining and simplifying content for end users and the public in general. The proposed amalgamation of the child care and extended day programs policies is in line with the Board's plans for the policy review and development process and supports "good governance" and "responsible resource use" as indicated in the 2023-2027 OCDSB Strategic Plan.

CONTEXT:

3. The legislative framework for the delivery of extended day and childcare programs and services has changed and evolved significantly since 2014. In 2022, the new Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement was signed by Ontario to help further the commitment to create new child care spaces, ensure accessible high-quality care and ensure the affordability of before- and after-school programs. The District has completed the process of licensing its early learning programs in adherence with the Ministry standards for program delivery. The agreement and the new legislative requirements warrant a review of policies [P.035.SCO, Extended Day Programs](#) and [P.059.SCO, Child Care Programs in Schools](#).

Appendix A is the proposed amalgamated draft of the two policies.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

4. Streamlining the Content

In reviewing the current two policies, staff was mindful of the shift the District has undergone in order to license its extended day and child care programs. In order to reduce the complexity of the lay of the land and simplify the content for end users and the public, staff propose the amalgamation of Policy P.035.SCO Extended Day Programs (Appendix B) and Policy P.059.SCO Child Care Programs in Schools (Appendix C).

Appendix A is a proposed draft of the amalgamated policy. The previous policies were implemented in 2014 and served the Board well as it navigated the introduction of Child Care to the OCDSB suite of services. The revised version removes language that is explicit in the legislation and better reflects the current practice in the District.

A detailed account of the content that migrates to the new procedure will be provided once the final draft of the amalgamated policy is ready for the approval of the Ad Hoc Policy Committee and the Board upon consultations with the public and finalization.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

5. There are no financial or resource implications relating to the proposed amalgamation of the two policies.

COMMUNICATION/CONSULTATION ISSUES:

6. As a Tier 2 Policy Review, the proposed amalgamated draft (Appendix A) will be posted to the District website between 8 September and 29 September 2023. Through targeted, direct virtual communications with caregivers and community partners, the Early Learning Department will engage and solicit input on the proposed draft along with typical communications through traditional channels with students, parents/guardians, and school councils.

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

- Has this version of the amalgamated policy captured the Board's role in the provision of extended day and child care services and programs?
- Has this draft covered all equity considerations? Please consult the Equity Assessment Tool for guidance and consideration.
- Are there any unintended consequences to this policy that have not been accounted for?
- Would the Board allow a program to run if it is not licensed under the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement?

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APPENDICES

Appendix A: Amalgamated Policy

Appendix B: [P.035.SCO, Extended Day Programs](#)

Appendix C: [P.059.SCO, Child Care Programs in Schools](#)