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Ministry of Education



Full-Day Kindergarten (FDK) Schools Announced for Years 4 and 5

The Ministry of Education announced Year 4 and Year 5 FDK schools on June 1, 2011 (see [2011: EL3 Memorandum](#)). By Year 4 (Sept. 2013), over two-thirds of kindergarten students in Peel are expected to be participating in the program, offered at 190 schools. In September 2014 (Year 5), FDK will reach its final year of implementation, rolling out to an expected 94 Peel schools.

Years 1-5 (2010-2015) FDK Schools in Peel by School Board

School Board	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Years 1-5 Total
Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB)*	15	8	31	22	41	117
Peel District School Board (PDSB)	20	6	40	43	52	161
Conseil scolaire de district Catholique Centre-Sud	0	0	2	1	1	4
Conseil scolaire de district du Centre Sud-Ouest (Conseil scolaire Viamonde)	0	0	0	2	0	2
Peel Total	35	14	73	68	94	284

* DPCDSB total excludes schools located in Orangeville.

A complete list of school board sites for Years 1-5 (2010-2015) can be found on the [Peel District School Board](#), [Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board](#), [Conseil scolaire de district du Centre-Sud-Ouest](#) (French Public), and [Conseil scolaire de district Catholique Centre-Sud](#) (French Catholic) websites.

Ministry of Children and Youth Services



Best Start Child & Family Centres – Survey

On April 14, 2011, the Best Start Network of Peel [submitted a response](#) to the Ministry of Children and Youth Services Best Start Child & Family Centres survey. The Network is comprised of more than forty community and early learning organizations including government, school boards, community agencies and stakeholders, hospitals and health services, child care service providers, special needs services, Aboriginal and Francophone services, libraries and recreation centres. The Network was formed in 2005 to make the vision of seamless and integrated services a reality for families in Peel.

News from the Region



Transforming Peel's Services for Children and Families

On May 10, 2011, a diverse group of 75 participants were asked to imagine that it is 5 years from now and that Peel is highly successful at integrated service system planning for the prenatal-to-12 age group. The large group brainstormed the components that would make integrated service system planning successful and then prioritized this list of components. The three most common responses from participants were:

- Centralized service coordination
- Long-term adequate and stable funding
- Working toward a common goal and outcome.

The group agreed that integrated service system planning should occur for children prenatal-to-12 and their families. In terms of a structure to accomplish this, the goal is to reduce duplication among existing planning tables without losing the key elements of Best Start Planning, networking and opportunities to inform system change. The following next steps were identified:

- Establish one system planning table for prenatal-to-12 years under the new PCYI structure
- Engage Best Start Network (BSN) and Community Advisory Committee (CAC), both of which are linked to Success by Six, in discussions of expanded composition and new structure for planning table (inclusive of work group), and how community (including parents) can be linked in to inform planning and decision making
- Embed the collective system vision within the vision of every organization



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