



Helen Detwiler Elementary School

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

RE: Updates on Child Care

In December 2017, the Ministry of Education provided an opportunity to invest in child care for children from birth to 4 years of age at Helen Detwiler in partnership with Umbrella Family and Child Centres of Hamilton.

In April 2019, both school boards (HWCDSD and HWDSB), and the City of Hamilton received notice from the Ministry of Education that new operating funding would not be provided for Helen Detwiler. Unfortunately for Helen Detwiler, this means that given the current funding pressures, a child care centre will not be able to proceed.

This decision only impacts new child care spaces for children aged 0-4 years. Existing before and after school programs or EarlyON Child and Family Centre programs will continue.

The City is working closely with your community to identify other child care options in your neighbourhood.

You are encouraged to visit www.hamilton.ca/childcare for more information on child care options in your neighbourhood.

If you have any questions about before and after school programs at Helen Detwiler please contact Lisa Kiriakopoulos, Manager of Early Years, at 905-527-5092 ext 2234 or lkiriako@hwdsb.on.ca

Sincerely,

Susan Jackson-Bosher
Acting Principal