## Nova Scotia adds programs, busing for pre-primary students 11

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SYDNEY, N.S. — The province intends on expanding the Nova Scotia Before and After program and bus service, making it easier for parents to access pre-primary for their children.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will expand the on-site, before and after program to 40 locations this fall. It will be expanded further where needed in 2020.

Education Minister Zach Churchill said families have asked for before and after programming and transportation because it would allow many to enroll their children in pre-primary.

"Removing these barriers will help make sure families can access this important early learning opportunity," Churchill said in a release on Tuesday.

This physical activity-based program will be delivered by approved regulated childcare or recreation providers.

The before and after program is open to all children from pre-primary to Grade 6.

A list of locations and more information about the program is available at https://novascotia.ca/BAP. [3]

Bus service will also be available for eligible pre-primary children at 56 sites this fall.

The remaining pre-primary sites will receive busing in 2020 when pre-primary is available to all children across the province.

 $Currently, pre-primary\ is\ available\ in\ 201\ school\ communities.$ 

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