

# A commitment to Ontario's children: Moving forward with full day early learning for four and five year olds <sup>[1]</sup>

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On October 27th Premier Dalton McGuinty announced that Ontario will be moving forward with the implementation of full-day early learning for four and five year olds.

Highlights of the announcement include:

- The cost of the program will be \$1.5 billion a year once fully implemented in 2015
- Educators (elementary teachers and early educators) will work together in the classrooms
- There will be extended hours led by early educators available to parents for a fee
- Approx. 35,000 children will be offered the full-day program in September 2010

Letter from Premier Dalton McGuinty <sup>[2]</sup>

Response sent to the 130+ signers of the open letter released on September 22, 2009 urging the Premier to enact Pascal's early learning report.

McGuinty Government Putting Kids And Parents First <sup>[3]</sup>, Government of Ontario

Full-day learning for four- and five-year-olds <sup>[4]</sup>, Ontario Ministry of Education

Support for today's early learning announcement <sup>[5]</sup>

Full day learning a big step forward <sup>[6]</sup>, The Association of Early Childhood Educators Ontario

Early learning investment key to recovery <sup>[7]</sup>, The Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care

Ontario government moves forward on early learning <sup>[8]</sup>, Campaign 2000

Full-day kindergarten will help families provide a better future for children <sup>[9]</sup>, Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association

Franco-Ontarian teachers welcome proposed model for full-day kindergarten <sup>[10]</sup>, Association des Enseignantes et des Enseignants Franco-Ontariens (AEFO)

Full-day learning will succeed with full involvement of schools, community and unions <sup>[11]</sup>, CUPE Ontario

Full-day early learning is a good beginning <sup>[12]</sup>, The Ontario Public School Board's Association

Full day kindergarten an important piece of the childcare puzzle <sup>[13]</sup>, Ontario Federation of Labour

Points of view (selected) regarding the effects of restructuring programs for 4 and 5 year olds in Ontario <sup>[14]</sup>, Shani Halfon

For more information on ratios, a key element in determining quality in an early years program, see CRRU's BRIEFing Note Ratios for four and five year olds: What does the research say? What else is important? <sup>[15]</sup>

**Related link:** With our best future in mind: Implementing early learning in Ontario <sup>[16]</sup>

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