

Mapleton's Need for Child Care

- Mapleton has the second-highest population of children ages birth to 4 years of age in Wellington County, yet it has **no** licensed full time full year licensed child care spaces.
 - Based on 2016 Census data, there are 775 children ages birth to 4 years in Mapleton. To date, there are zero licensed child care spaces available.
 - The centre will provide 64 full time, full year spaces for children ages birth to 4 years of age.
- Data from the 2018 County of Wellington Children's Early Years Community Engagement project's child care survey for Mapleton indicate that the only form of child care for children ages birth up to age 4 years was unlicensed private arrangements.
 - 100% of these respondents indicated they would use licensed child care if it was available.
- Mapleton's growing population and labour force need access to reliable, high quality licensed child care as part of the infrastructure necessary to support the economic well-being of families and the community.
 - Mapleton has a growing labour force and the majority of the labour force works full time
 - Availability of high quality full-time child care is a strong determinant of parent's level of participation in the labour force and influences their long term earning capacity.
- High-quality licensed child care supports all children's healthy development, but is especially important for disadvantaged children.
 - Research shows that high quality early childhood education that directly involves children has a measured positive impact on children's development.

Quick Facts on Child Care in General

- The licensed child care system is open to all families regardless of the school the centre is located at.
- Families who reside in the County of Wellington will be given priority to spaces located in the County.
- The Children's Early Years Division, County of Wellington, will provide funds to the operator to support the operation of the centre and will monitor the level of quality of the programme.
- Subsidies will be available to eligible families to help pay the cost of child care. Families can apply to the Children's Early Years Division, County of Wellington.

Quick Facts on Wellington Catholic District School Board-Proposed JK-8 School.

- The Wellington Catholic District School Board proudly serves 8,200 students in 18 elementary and 4 secondary schools
- Wellington Catholic District School Board has never had an elementary school facility within the municipalities of Mapleton or Minto and therefore these families have been limited, geographically, in choosing a faith-based education for their children.
- The 2016 Census indicates that there are more than 2,900 elementary aged children that are living in the two municipalities. Census data also indicates that the elementary school aged yield in Minto (.31) is similar to that in North Wellington but that the school aged yield in Mapleton is approximately double the rate in Minto and North Wellington at .61 and is indicative of a municipality that has more families and higher concentrations of school aged children.
- The Board is proposing the construction of a 213 pupil place JK-8 elementary school in the Township of Mapleton which will serve families from Mapleton and Minto.