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Registration Waitlist Set to Open for Phase II Pre-K Pilot Sites

YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador (YMCA NL), along with joint applicants YMCA of Exploits Valley and YMCA of Western Newfoundland, the not-for-profit operator for 35 Pre-Kindergarten Pilot locations, will open Phase II waitlist registration at ymcanl.com/pre-kindergarten-program on **January 30, 2023, beginning at 9:00 a.m. NST.**

The YMCA is working under service agreements with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to help create approximately 3,100 new regulated Pre-Kindergarten early learning and child care spaces by 2025-26.

Four of the Phase I locations, East Point Elementary, St. John's; Elizabeth Park Elementary, Paradise; Elwood Elementary, Deer Lake; and Gander Academy, Gander have opened. The fifth location, Peacock Primary, Happy Valley-Goose Bay will be ready to open once staff are in place and the licensing process is complete.

Phase II locations and waitlist registration details can be found below:

- Bay Roberts Primary, Bay Roberts
- Bishop Abraham Elementary, St. John's
- Bishop White School, Port Rexton
- Eastside Elementary, Corner Brook
- Fogo Island Central Academy, Fogo Island
- Holy Trinity Elementary, Torbay
- J.J. Curling Elementary, Corner Brook
- Lewisporte Academy, Lewisporte
- Paradise Elementary, Paradise
- Persalvic Elementary, Victoria
- Woodland Primary, Grand Falls-Windsor

Pre-Kindergarten locations are opening in phases. While global supply chain shortages and labour market challenges related to availability of Early Childhood Educators continue to impact project schedules, YMCAs across the province, in conjunction with the Department of Education, Service NL, and NLESD, continue to work toward the goal of opening all 35 pilot



locations in 2023. These pilot locations will account for approximately 600 new regulated early learning and child care spaces.

QUOTE

"We are pleased to shift our focus to Phase II locations for the Pre-K Pilot and thank all involved in working on Phase I. It has been wonderful to welcome new children, families, ECEs and staff, and schools to YMCA Pre-K locations and we look forward to welcoming even more in Phase II. We also appreciate the work of government in helping us navigate the constraints of supply chain and local labour market challenges."

Jason Brown
CEO, YMCA NL

BACKGROUNDER

Waitlist Registration Details for Pre-Kindergarten Pilot Program

Waitlist registration for the 11 Phase II pilot locations is at ymcanl.com/pre-kindergarten-program. To register for the waitlist, select the link for your location and follow the instructions.

Waitlist registration will open at 9:00 a.m. Newfoundland Standard Time (NST) on January 30, 2023. All registrants will be placed on the waitlist according to their chosen school location. Successful applicants will be chosen from the waitlist once spaces are confirmed until all spaces are filled.

Priority will be given to applicants who reside within the catchment area for the school location. The [NLESD Bus Planner](#) can be used to identify the catchment area for your home address.

Anyone with questions about the waitlist application process can email pre-k@nl.ymca.ca.

Newfoundland and Labrador YMCAs

YMCAs are charities, open to everyone at all stages of life, that provide opportunities to grow in spirit, mind, and body. We want a province of vibrant and healthy communities where everyone can belong, grow, and thrive. Our teams at YMCA NL, YMCA of Exploits Valley, and the YMCA of Western Newfoundland are delighted to work together to bring Pre-K to communities across the province.

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