



SCHOOL DISTRICT 5

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To Whom it May Concern,

RE: Support for Child Care Needs in Elkford

At the May 11, 2021, School District 5 (SD5), Southeast Kootenay public Board meeting, the Board carried the following motion.

That the Board write a general letter in support of the need for childcare in Elkford.

Elkford is a community within the boundaries of School District 5 (SD5), Southeast Kootenay. According to the 2016 StatsCan Census, Elkford is home to 255 children aged 0 – 9 years old. 60 of these households are identified as being single parent, with a median average of 2.4 occupants, or 1.4 children. Despite the obvious need for licensed childcare in Elkford, at present there are zero licensed facilities in operation.

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Our Board is in full support of any qualifying applicant in Elkford to receive a Community Care Facility License which would enable them to provide childcare as soon as the application can practicably be processed.

Sincerely,



Frank Lento, Board Chair

Cc*: John Horgan, Premier, BC New Democratic Party
Shirley Bond, Interim Leader, BC Liberal Party
Sonia Furstenau, Leader, BC Green Party
Tom Shypitka, MLA Kootenay East BC
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