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Dear parents and guardians:

As early learning and childcare facilities begin to reopen, we know many students in the school system, particularly those in Grades K-5 will be participating in programming in the coming months as parents return to work. We wanted to take this opportunity to clarify that programming provided by early learning and childcare facilities is not intended to replace the regular classroom during the pandemic.

In addition to offering activities that support your child's development through games and play, the primary responsibilities of the educators at early learning and childcare facilities are to apply all the preventive measures prescribed by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and Public Health, including those related to preventing the spread of COVID-19.

To maximize learning during this time, please continue to work with teachers to ensure your child completes home learning options provided by their school. School teachers will continue contacting families weekly and develop home learning options until the end of the school year. While we have not asked parents to take on the full role of teachers throughout the closure of schools, parents will continue to have a key responsibility to encourage students to complete the provided material and continue learning.

That said, educators at early learning and childcare facilities will continue to develop a variety of activities to make links with the learning activities of your child(ren). For example, activities promoting arts and culture, physical activities and well-being, literacy or the discovery of new skills.

In addition, the website The New Brunswick Family Resource page offers resources to support home learning students in the K-12 anglophone sector. Early learning educators are encouraged to take advantage of these resources to support learning and wellness to support their planning; however, this is not mandatory.

To encourage school learning for your child(ren), we invite you to discuss your individual family needs with your child's early learning and childcare educator. Early learning staff are dedicated and may be able to accommodate for your child(ren)'s learning, depending on the spaces and resources available.

Thank you for your understanding and continued cooperation throughout this time.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Daley".

George Daley
Deputy Minister