

## HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD FOCUS ON LEARNING: EARLY YEARS CENTRE IN HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

- PURPOSE:** To share information on the Early Years Centre at Rockingstone Heights School.
- BACKGROUND:** The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) released *Nova Scotia's Action Plan for Education* in the spring of 2015 that will renew, refocus and rebuild the education system in the province over the next five years. Early Childhood Education was an important component in the Action Plan aimed to support preschool aged children and their families in meeting key developmental milestones. Rockingstone Heights School was the first of four centres that was opened provincially in April 2014. Each Early Years Centre was tailored to meet the needs of its community.
- CONTENT:** By integrating programs and services at the community level, and enhancing the collaboration of schools and service providers, this Early Years Centre aims to:
- improve outcomes for children from birth to school entry
  - improve access to programs and services for children and their families
  - increase collaboration between partners and service providers
  - expand the integration of programs and services at the community level
- COST:** N/A
- FUNDING:** All funding for the Early Years Centre is provided by the Early Years Branch at the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.
- TIMELINE:** On-going as more information is provided by the EECD.
- APPENDICES:** N/A
- RECOMMENDATIONS:** It is recommended the Governing Board receive this report regarding the Early Years Centre as information.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

AUDIENCE	RESPONSIBLE	TIMELINE
Governing Board	Alison King	September 23, 2015

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