



RE: Ladysmith Primary Childcare

Dear Dara Simpson,

Thank you for sharing your letter dated May 20, 2022, it was shared at the Regular Board meeting held on May 25, 2022.

As you know the school district and the Province are working closely in building and providing childcare space across B.C. The Ministry of Education and Child Care's *Child Care Rapid Renovation Fund* is one way the province is quickly addressing the need for more affordable space for families in Nanaimo and Ladysmith. These funds are needed to build additional space at our schools, with the hope that we have childcare space available at every district elementary school. Ladysmith Primary will be the third school in the district to receive this new childcare space, with the first opening this fall (in Nanaimo).

We understand that the notice of Plum Tree Cottage ceasing operation left parents in the school community without childcare options. At this point in time, I can tell you that the district is currently exploring childcare opportunities for Ladysmith Primary families (LPS) this September. Once information becomes available, we will share it with LPS families.

If you have any questions about future childcare space, we invite you to visit the district's childcare [webpage](#) which has contact information for each school's provider.

Sincerely,

Charlene McKay
Board Chair

From: [Karen Matthews](#)
To: [Karen Matthews](#)
Subject: LPS Childcare
Date: May 20, 2022 9:48:06 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: palkovskyd@gmail.com <>
Sent: May 20, 2022 8:19 AM
To: Charlene Mckay <Charlene.Mckay@sd68.bc.ca>
Subject: LPS Childcare

Good morning Charlene,

I am sending you this email as a working mom of school-aged children. As the school year comes to a close, so does my child's childcare provider, Plum Tree Cottage. This short notice closure has left a lot of parents scrambling and unable to acquire childcare for the coming school year due to wait lists of unknown length.

I'm asking that the school continues to provide out-of-school childcare with the already-existing EA's that we have all grown to know and trust our children with.

Thank you for your time in reading this email.

Warmest regard,

Dara Simpson

Sent from my iPhone

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