

July 2, 2021

Memorandum to: Directors of Education
School Authorities

From: Nancy Naylor
Deputy Minister of Education

Subject: Clarification Regarding School-Board Operated Summer Learning Camps

As a follow-up to the recent memorandum regarding summer learning, we are writing to provide clarification on school-board operated summer learning camps.

The Ministry is aware that several school boards typically operate summer learning camps. These camps provide meaningful opportunities for students to participate in full or half-day activities that strengthen students' skills in literacy, math, STEM, Indigenous or International languages, for example, that are not-for-credit.

Included in the government's Roadmap to Reopen and regulations under the Reopening Ontario Act, day camps for children are permitted to operate in a manner consistent with the Ministry of Health's COVID-19 Safety Guidelines for: Day Camps
https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/2019_summer_day_camps_guidance.pdf

As you are aware, in-person summer learning will be permitted for courses offered in August, in addition to the remote learning option. Although schools and private schools are closed for in-person teaching and instruction in July, schools can open for certain purposes, including to facilitate the operation of a day camp throughout the summer for children. School boards that choose to operate a camp in the summer should ensure that they are complying with the applicable regulations and guidelines noted above.

Thank you, once again, for your ongoing partnership to support continuity of learning and the safety and wellbeing of students, families and school staff throughout the pandemic.

Sincerely,

Nancy Naylor
Deputy Minister

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