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WHY DOESN'T THE PROVINCE COUNT *ALL* LEARNERS IN OUR SCHOOLS?



PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN AND ADULT LEARNERS ARE PART OF COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

MANY SCHOOLS ACROSS ONTARIO HAVE CHILD CARE AND PARENTING CENTRES, FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN, AND CLASSES FOR ADULT LEARNERS.

SCHOOLS ARE THE HUBS OF OUR COMMUNITIES.

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Please send a message to your local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) and tell your MPP to Count Us In! Visit www.countusin.ca and fill in the postcard below.



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DEAR MEMBER OF PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT

Pre-school children, in child care and parenting centres, and adult learners, in continuing education classes, are part of the school community. But child care programs are often forced to pay unaffordable rents and permit charges – increasing parent fees and limiting community access to schools. Adult learners are not counted in the provincial formula for determining school utilization rates. Tens of thousands of adults are not counted by the province: Adult ESL and literacy learners; high school students over 21; adults in general interest and seniors' programs. As a result “under-utilized” schools are being closed.

CHANGE THE PROVINCIAL FUNDING FORMULA TO:

- (1) ensure permanent, affordable space for school-based child care and parenting centres; and
- (2) count adult learners in determining school utilization rates.

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The provincial funding formula must change!

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