

Proposal for a Spanish Immersion group Childcare Center from 30 months to school age at 909 McNaughton Avenue

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Purpose of the Proposal

The purpose of this proposal is to open a Spanish Immersion group childcare center aged 30 months to 5 years at 909 McNaughton Avenue that will be run outdoors in a 70% in daily base by using the surrounding neighborhood parks as Gorge Park, Banfield, and Kinsmen Park like natural classrooms.

This Daycare aims to foster language immersion through play and hands on experiences in natural environments, promoting respect, love and care for nature. the daycare program will be offering seven learning areas (art, science, literature, music, recreation, exploration, and dance), providing children with opportunities to interact with their natural surroundings in spaces such as urban parks, forests, beaches, and playgroun. Through exploration and play, children rotate between these environments, learning and reinforcing their Spanish vocabulary while observing, stimulating curiosity and enjoying nature.

Overview of the Proposed Childcare Center

1. Location:

909 McNaughton Avenue

2. Capacity:

The childcare center will accommodate up to 24 children.

3. Operating Hours:

The Spanish immersion childcare center will have the following operating hours:

- **Standard hours:** Monday to Friday, from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

4. Program Focus:

Spanish Immersion Program for Children Aged 30 Months to 5 Years

General Objective: Outdoor learning provides preschoolers with physical, social-emotional, and cognitive benefits. Physically, it reduces screen time, promotes active play, and supports healthy bone growth through sunlight exposure. Social-emotionally, it helps children develop social skills, form relationships, and build responsibility. Cognitively, outdoor activities reinforce classroom learning and foster creativity and problem-solving.

To incorporate outdoor learning, regularly engage children in nature, adapt activities to their interests (like using natural materials for arts and crafts), and encourage safe exploration with age-appropriate equipment. By integrating these practices, preschoolers can enjoy a well-rounded and enriching outdoor experience.

Program Structure: The program is divided into 7 learning environments (art, science, literature, music, recreation, exploration, dance) each focused on a specific area of child development and designed to provide daily exposure to the Spanish language.

5. Importance of Second Language Learning:

- Research has shown that learning a second language at a young age enhances cognitive development, improves problem-solving skills, and increases cultural awareness.
- A bilingual foundation in Spanish will prepare children for future academic success and provide valuable skills for life in an increasingly globalized world.
- Exposure to another language and culture will also promote diversity and inclusion, building empathy and appreciation for others.

6. Services Provided:

- Full-day childcare in a bilingual environment.
- A balance of educational, play-based, and language-enriching activities tailored to children's developmental needs.
- Nutritious meals and snacks provided throughout the day.

Noise Mitigation Measures

To address potential noise concerns:

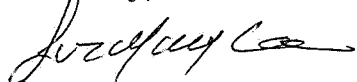
1. A **line of trees** will be planted along the perimeter of the property to serve as a natural sound barrier.
2. Consideration of **acoustic fencing** or sound-dampening materials for outdoor play areas.
3. Outdoor playtime will be scheduled during reasonable hours to minimize disturbances to neighboring properties.

Community Impact and Benefits

The establishment of a Spanish Immersion childcare center at 909 McNaughton Avenue will provide several benefits to the community:

- **Increased access to high-quality childcare services:** The center will offer an innovative, language-focused program to families seeking both childcare and bilingual education.
- **Support for working parents:** Reliable and culturally enriching care options close to home will empower parents to pursue their professional and personal goals.
- **Fostering multiculturalism:** The program will introduce children to a new language and culture, contributing to a more inclusive and culturally aware community.
- **Preparation for future success:** Bilingual children tend to have higher cognitive flexibility and improved academic outcomes, positioning them for success in a competitive, globalized world.

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