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Neighbourhood Learning Centres *Education Sector Engagement*

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Introductions



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What We'll Do Today

- Identify how your organization can be involved in NLCs, and how we can make that happen
- Identify the tools and resources you need to discuss NLCs with your organization
- Create ideas to build an inventory of NLC activities



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Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Neighbourhood Learning Centres update and group discussion
3. Nutrition Break
4. Capacity & Momentum Building discussion
5. Next Steps – Action Items – Lunch
6. Meeting Summary





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Government Direction

April 2005 – Premier announced launch of School Community Connections Program

September 2008 – Premier announced the NLC capital initiative

September 2009 – Throne speech announced the vision that all schools will be NLCs



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Government Direction

February 2010 – Throne speech announced
school facilities 7 days a week

March 2010 – Budget speech indicated more
schools to become NLCs



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Vision

All schools in B.C. are Neighbourhood Learning Centres - welcoming places where people of all ages can access health, education, care, recreation, culture and services, seven days a week, twelve months a year – helping to promote well-being for children, youth, families and the whole community.



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Leveraged
School
Facilities

Supports for
21st Century
Families



Achievement
Supports for
Students

NLCs

Enriched
School
Experience

Personalized
Learning



Cultural and
Community
Diversity





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Comments and Concerns

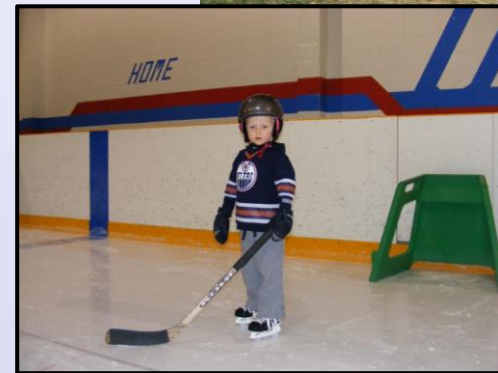
- Collective agreement and liability issues
- Cross-ministry collaboration
- Funding
- School culture
- Leasing and rental costs
- Other policy direction



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Strategies to Overcome Challenges

- Communication
- Cross government initiatives
- Funding
- Policy
- Tools and resources





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What makes a school a NLC from a policy perspective?

Two paths to NLCs: capital and non-capital
Through...

- Extended hours
- Community consultation
- Policy that supports families and community use



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Tools and Supports

- Website – regularly updated
- Policy support
- Community engagement guide
- Sample partnership agreements
- School Community Connections Grants



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Partnerships and Initiatives

- Ministry of Health Services– after school initiatives
- UBCM and BCSTA – to continue SCC grants
- BCRPA - reviewing partnership agreements
- MCFD –childcare redesign
- Ministry of Social Development – employment services



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Moving Ahead

- Addressing legislative/policy changes
- Developing inventory
- Business case
- Capturing and sharing success stories
- Community of practice
- Engaging:
 - Education sector
 - Government sector
 - Business sector





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QUESTIONS?





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Capacity and Momentum Building

- Opportunities to build understanding with associations - opportunities for dialogue.
- Tools and resources needed to support your association in understanding NLCs.
- Considerations for implementation – items that facilitate moving forward; items that hamper.
- NLC Activity- What's occurring in the field at these levels? Exploring, Emerging, Maturing, Excelling



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Next Steps

- How does our work today translate into action within your association?
- What vehicle do we need for the associations to communicate their progress and identify challenges that require additional support? i.e. re-convene participants
- What would be an effective tool to assist in gathering information about NLC activities in the field?
- What tools or resources would your association be willing to build or implement?



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**What We Heard
From You Today**





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Thank you

