



Child Care A New Mandate

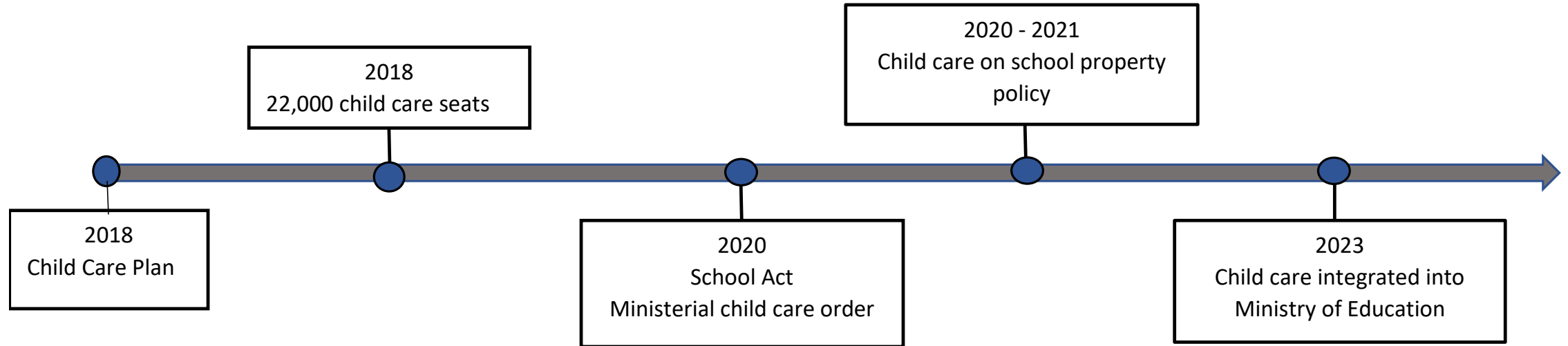
Board of Education

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Overview

1. Child care in schools - *Ministry update*
2. Child care in Surrey Schools – *Current landscape*
3. Complexities, implications, & considerations moving forward
4. Potential next steps
5. Key takeaways

Ministry Direction & Declarations



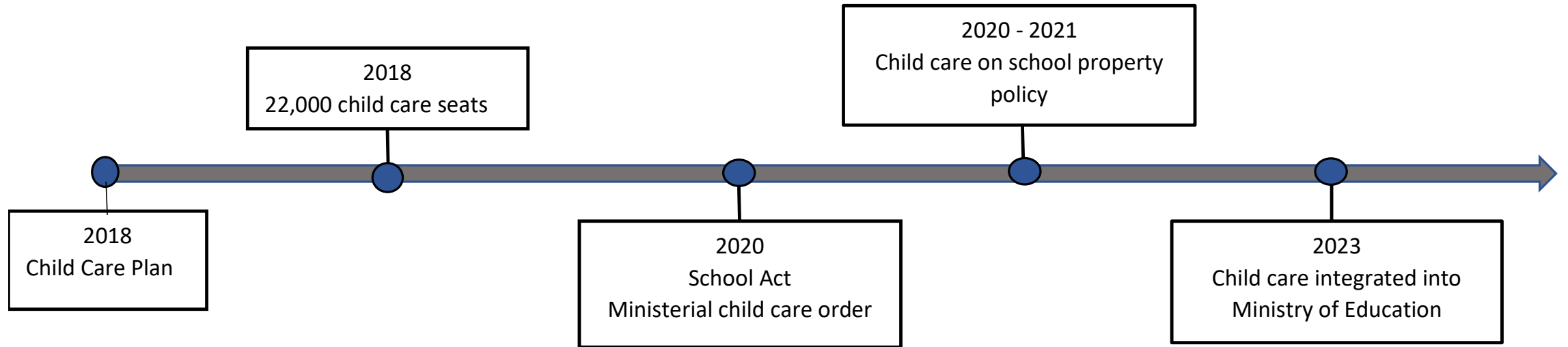
February 2018

- BC Child Care Plan identifies school board owned property as potential location for child care spaces

July 2018

- Minister Chen announces commitment to 22,000 new child care spaces

Ministry Direction & Declarations



2020

- School Act Sections 85.1 – 85.4
- Ministerial Child Care Order

Child Care on School Property Policy

- Intent is to advance a more holistic system, ease transitions, support quality learning

- Policy guides boards of education in:
 - Directly operating school age care
 - Developing policy that promotes the use of the school property for child care
 - Child care space protection for provincially funded child care spaces
 - Agreements with third-party providers on school property

Ministerial Order M326

Child Care in Surrey Schools

Current school sites with before and after school care

| | Before/After School Care | Preschool | Both Before/After School Care & Preschool |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---|
| Number of schools | 20 | 10 | 21 |

- 942 registered spaces for before and after school care
- 2 operators lease land from us to operate child care programs (Old Yale Road & Harold Bishop)
- 4 new sites opened in 2020 - 2021

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Projected new spaces for 2021 – 2022

- 5 new sites
 - 1 new renovation
 - 2 sites new before and after school care
 - 2 MCFD funded new construction

4 new sites possible by 2025

Capital projects

- Input at design stage, timeline, process

Complexities & Considerations

- Associated risks with a cost-recovery model
- Infrastructure to support direct service
- CUPE request for direct delivery service
- Third-party operators continue to seek additional spaces

Potential Next Steps

- Focus on school age care
- Third-party operators continue to provide programming in existing sites
- Consider a small direct delivery pilot 1 – 3 sites

Key takeaways

- Continued commitment to increasing child care spaces in schools
- Focus on school age on care
- Considerable interest and involvement