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Letter to the Editor

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Re: All-day kindergarten ideal for children, Ontario report says

Charles Pascal's idea of turning neighbourhood public schools into the hub of every community addresses the challenges early childhood educators have long voiced around our patchwork system of early learning and care.

Ontario's fragmented system has struggled to meet the needs of children and the province's diverse families, and the Early Learning Advisor's report takes steps to address those challenges and move toward a system that gives families the options they need.

Research shows us that building a strong infrastructure for the province's early learning and care programs would greatly contribute to a healthy economic outlook for Ontario, so even in these tough economic times investing in children now makes sense.

The return on investment is substantial. Child poverty and youth violence decrease, children perform better in school, and they ultimately grow up to become healthier contributors to society.

It is not only children and families but all Ontarians who will benefit from Dr. Pascal's vision of a more cohesive early learning and care system. It's time to act on a report that really puts Ontario's children first.

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