



Letter to the Editor

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Re: Parents dispute schools' closure of Oshawa daycare

The closure of Durham College and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology's Early Childhood Education (ECE) Lab School will have a debilitating effect on program standards, the profession of ECE and the larger community of Oshawa.

Lab schools play a vital role in providing ECE students with exposure to and experiences with quality learning environments. Students get to put their learning into practice as they observe both children and high caliber ECEs in action.

Further, communities rely on lab schools as providers of high quality early learning and care for working families.

Quality early learning and care programs are paramount to all families and children in this province, and the Association of Early Childhood Educators Ontario strongly believes that quality programs begin with quality training for ECEs.

We urge Durham College and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology to reconsider the decision to close its lab school for the sake of its ECE students, the profession of Early Childhood Education, and the children and families its program so capably served.

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