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The Board of Education of School District No.58 (Nicola-Similkameen) is excited to announce childcare coming to some of our school locations!

School District No.58 (Nicola-Similkameen) is participating in a pilot project called Seamless Day. The Seamless Day Kindergarten pilot program is intended to create a seamless (smooth) day for kindergarten students by offering before and after-school care within kindergarten classrooms. The team of educators includes one Kindergarten teacher and two Early Childcare Educators. With minimum transitions and a collaborative approach to the day, students will excel in all aspects of their development.

We have secured two locations to run Seamless Day within our district: Diamond Vale Elementary School in Merritt and John Allison Elementary School in Princeton.

While the program is created with Kindergarten at the forefront, if seats are not filled, we may be able to accommodate siblings and/or children in grades 1 and 2. We are currently in the licensing phase and once this process is complete, we can begin staffing.

In addition to our Seamless day project, School District No.58 (Nicola-Similkameen) is in the process of applying for a grant to expand childcare in Princeton. Through our grant, we hope to create an additional 44 childcare seats through a renovation project at Riverside Learning Center. We look forward to sharing plans as we finish our grant application and begin renovations.

If you would like to know more or if you have questions or would like further information, please feel free to contact Daniella Bennie, District Vice Principal of Early Learning and Childcare, via email at dbennie@365.sd58.bc.ca or the School Board Office at 250-378-5161

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