

Dear Parent:

The EXCEL Program would like to survey the interest and demand for offering Before and After School programming services at St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay Elementary for the 2018/2019 school year.

What is EXCEL? The EXCEL program is a fee-for-service recreational program run by the Halifax Regional Centre for Education. Currently offered in 62 elementary schools, it is an option to parents who are seeking before and/or after school care for their elementary-aged children. At each school site, the dedicated and qualified staffing teams plan weekly games and activities that suit the needs and interests of the registered students. These individual plans are framed around EXCEL's overall philosophy which is focused on physical activity and positive social interaction in a safe and fun environment.

Highlights of EXCEL include:

- EXCEL offers both structured and unstructured activities each afternoon.
- EXCEL strives to provide a minimum of 45 minutes of structured physical activity every day.
- EXCEL offers outdoor physically active play opportunities each day, weather permitting.
- EXCEL provides an opportunity for individual choice in programming each day.
- EXCEL brings in our own special guests. In 2017/2018 presentations include Shubenacadie Wildlife Park, Zumba, Ray's Reptiles, Atlantic Youth, Mad Science and TK Adventure Play.
- EXCEL offers Loose Parts Play and Loose Arts to the delight of our participants.
- EXCEL offers P.A.L.S. Playground Activity Leaders in Schools for participants in Grades 4-6.
- EXCEL offers HRQ/Gym (Homework/Reading/Quiet Time/Gym) time each afternoon from 5:30 to 6:00 pm enabling those who wish to complete homework the opportunity to do so.
- EXCEL is a "High Five" registered organization.
- The EXCEL Before program would begin each morning at 7:30 am.
- The EXCEL After school program would operate until 6:00 pm each day.
- EXCEL operates on the days that schools are open, with the exception of the last day of school when there is early dismissal. EXCEL does not operate on Professional Development or Assessment & Evaluation days nor should schools be closed due to inclement weather and/or mechanical issues.

The EXCEL fees for the 2018/2019 are as follows:

- Before only \$ 97.00 monthly
- After only \$243.00 monthly
- Before/After \$340.00 monthly
- Sibling discounts are available for multiple children from the same family enrolled.

If you might be interested in partaking in the EXCEL program for the 2018/2019 school year please complete the section below and return this form to St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay Elementary or fax to EXCEL at (902) 464-2074 by **Monday, April 30th, 2018**. Thank you.



Please complete the below and return to St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay Elementary.

(Check all responses that may apply.)

- Yes**, I would be interested in registering my child in the EXCEL program at St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay Elementary if it were available for the 2018/2019 school year: (Please tick the below program you may be interested in having your child(ren) attend.)

Before & After School program

Before Program Only

After School program Only

- No**, I have no interest in any of the above mentioned EXCEL programs.

I understand this is a survey ONLY and not a commitment to register. Should sufficient interest be generated via this survey to support the introduction of a program, I understand I would be required to formally register my child(ren) upon notification of EXCEL offering registration.

Parent Name: _____

of Children to potentially be registered: _____

Parent Email address: _____