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MEDIA ADVISORY

Coalition position addressing consequences of extended day plans to be released

What: The **Waterloo Region Early Learning Coalition (WRELC)** is holding a **news conference** to outline its position on the extended day plans of local school boards and the severe unintended consequences of those plans on the region-wide child care network. For example, it will reveal the number of elementary schools that risk losing the support of the broader network of child care operators and community organizations.

The coalition will release its proposal on how to use the introduction of full day kindergarten as an opportunity to strengthen child care for local parents.

Who:

- John Haddock, CEO, YMCAs of Cambridge & Kitchener-Waterloo will act as the WRELC spokesperson
- Representatives of the other coalition partners will also be in attendance:
 - Creative Beginnings Child Care Centre
 - Owl Child Care Services of Ontario
 - Waterloo Infant Toddler Day Care Association
 - YMCAs of Cambridge & Kitchener-Waterloo
 - YWCA Cambridge
 - YWCA of Kitchener-Waterloo

Where: YMCA Ontario Early Years Centre
161 Roger Street, Waterloo, Ontario

When: Monday, January 30, 2012 11 a.m.

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