

## HIGHLIGHTS OF CHANGES TO THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION REPORT (ECER) 2020

This edition of the report has added two benchmarks and clarified others. The total score remains at 15.

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### **BENCHMARKS 11 & 12:**

In addition to asking if a curriculum framework is in place, a separate benchmark establishes if its use is mandatory in licensed child care

### **BENCHMARK 6:**

Parent fees and salaries of ECEs publicly “managed” replaces “mandated”

### **BENCHMARKS 5 & 7:**

Funding for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is included under total ECEC funding if it is included as part of ECEC programming and reported within the ECEC budget

### **BENCHMARK 19:**

Previous editions required public reporting every three years. This edition requires annual reporting as per the bilateral agreements arising out of the Multilateral Early Learning and Child Care Framework



### **BENCHMARKS 17 & 18:**

Professional recognition and professional development have been separated and are now two separate benchmarks

### **BENCHMARK 9:**

Following consultations with officials, the ECER will no longer include early years programming that does not fall under government oversight

### **BENCHMARK 14:**

Two-thirds of staff in licensed child care must have a minimum of one year of post-secondary level training in early childhood development