

Jim Grieve Biography

Jim Grieve was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister of the Early Learning Division for the Ontario Ministry of Education in November of 2009 to lead the provincial implementation of full day learning for 4 and 5 year old children in all Ontario schools.

Jim recognizes this initiative as one of the most significant investments in the future of our children and the province. He is dedicated to significantly increase the percentage of children who have the developmental and literacy skills to be ready to move successfully into grade one.

Jim is a passionate advocate for early child development and has always been deeply involved in developing the strongest possible supports for children and their families. He is deeply honoured to have been given the opportunity to lead the implementation of full day learning for 4 and 5 year olds in Ontario.

Jim developed a strong advocacy for the early years through his direct work as one founding member of the Council for Early Child Development. Over the last 15 years, along with Dr. Fraser Mustard, Dr. Dan Offord, Dr. Magdalena Janus and countless talented leaders in the field of early child development, he has worked to develop strong multi-sectoral initiatives designed to help young children and families in Canada thrive. He contributed to the development of two highly recognized Success By 6 organizations in Ottawa and in the Region of Peel.

Following an exemplary career as a teacher, school administrator and superintendent in the North York Board, Jim served as Director of Education in Ottawa Carleton for four years and in October 2009 completed seven years as Director of Education in the Peel District School Board, Canada's second largest school board.

Jim holds a Masters Degree from OISE/University of Toronto along with undergraduate degrees from York University and Victoria College of the University of Toronto.

Known as a highly visible and approachable leader, Jim will continue his long standing tradition of spending several days each month visiting Ontario's many diverse communities to view exemplary programs, engage Best Start, child care, municipal and education leaders in order to assess and improve the implementation process.