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Dear Providers,

It has come to our attention that there are many providers in our state that offer school aged, Out-of-School time care on an emergency or case by case basis. We feel that this is an important service to NH families, and do not want providers to be required to change their licensed ages or license type to enter Granite Steps for Quality (GSQ). Moving forward, if this adequately describes the services you offer in your program and you do not regularly serve a school age population, you may apply using the requirements on the GSQ Center Based Early Childhood rubric. If you have already changed your license with Child Care Licensing Unit, please email your Licensing Coordinator and cc us at NHGSQ@dhhs.nh.gov and we will work alongside CCLU to help you return your license to your desired capacity with no impact to your GSQ award.

All applicants who have school age children in their program on a regular basis, which includes summer programs and before and after school (Out-of-School Time), must apply to Granite Steps for Quality using the rubric titled, "Center Based Programs serving both Early Childhood and Out-of- School Time" (This rubric can be found in the GSQ publication [here](#)). This requirement is in-line with the current GSQ standards and will continue to be instated as we continue on our commitment to quality care.

We appreciate everything you do for New Hampshire's children and families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra J. Nelson".

Debra Nelson, Bureau Chief
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