

January 26, 2016

The Honourable Liz Sandals
Minister of Education
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Re: Shared Framework for Building an Early Childhood Education and Care System for All

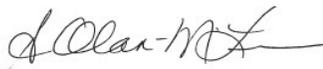
Dear Minister Sandals:

We are writing to share our support for an important new document – a Shared Framework for Building an Early Childhood Education and Care System for All (attached). This Framework was developed by the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada, Canadian Child Care Federation, Childcare Resource and Research Unit and Campaign 2000, together with input from child care stakeholders across the country.

In anticipation of upcoming federal/provincial/territorial/Indigenous meetings about early childhood education and care, this Shared Framework is designed to facilitate a collaborative intergovernmental and community process and serve as a foundation for a program that will grow to meet the needs of families, children and the child care workforce in all regions. This is a tremendous opportunity to begin a constructive intergovernmental collaboration to move forward on a National Early Learning and Child Care Framework. ***This is the willing federal partner that Ontario has been waiting for.*** Ontario has an opportunity to be a leader on this framework and it is a chance we must seize.

With this in mind, we would like to request a meeting with you and/or your officials at the earliest possible date to discuss the early childhood education and care agenda. We would also be very pleased to make ourselves available for discussions or consultation, formal or informal, undertaken as part of this initiative.

Yours truly,



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