

Steps to - Find out your MPP/Councillor

1. For your MPP:

- Find out what riding you live in and your current MPP by using Elections Ontario's Postal Code Search:
<https://voterinformationsevice.elections.on.ca/en/election/search?mode=postalCode>
- Click on your MPP's name to find their contact information.

Note: Be sure to cc **Minister of Education:**

Hon. Lisa M. Thompson
900 Bay Street, 22nd Floor, Mowat Block
Ministry of Education
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 1L2
Email: lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org

2. For your Councillor:

- Search on your city's website for current council – they should also have a list of registered candidates:
 - Ottawa <https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/your-city-government/elections>
 - Toronto <https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/elections/>
 - Thunder Bay <https://www.tbayvotes.ca/en/candidates/candidates.aspx>
 - Waterloo <https://www.waterloo.ca/en/government/election.asp>
 - Halton <https://www.haltonhills.ca/elections/CandidatesList.php>
- List of all municipalities in Ontario <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page1591.aspx>

3. Use the sample letter – invite to MPP/Councillor to Thank an ECE to write or email your MPP/Councillor.

4. **Note** the areas of the sample letter where you can insert your personal narrative/story and information.

Your voice matters...Share your story!!!



#ECEAppreciation

#ECEPower

#DecentWork

#Champions4Children

Sample Letter - Invite to MPP/Councillor to Thank an ECE

Dear (City Councillor, MPP),

My name is (name) and I am a proud (Early Childhood Educator/position). October 16th 2018 is the 18th annual Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day. This is an important day in our community, as we recognize the socially important work our early childhood educators (ECEs) do every day. This year's theme is Champions for Children to highlight the contributions of ECEs in supporting and building meaningful relationships with young children and families in child care centres, schools and early years programs. They are valuable professionals who deliver meaningful care and education to young children. They often do so with little appreciation and recognition.

(Insert your personal narrative/story) (EX. While I worked in a child care centre, I still had to work a 2nd job. This was a big challenge and burden for me, but I felt that my work as an ECE was so important that it was worth it. I know when parents and community members recognized my hard work and the important role I played in their lives, it made a big difference.) ECEs across the province continue to advocate for professional pay and decent work. One component of decent work is being valued as a professional, and ECE Appreciation Day is a great opportunity for that to happen.

I would like to invite you to send a special thank you to ECEs in your community on October 16th.

- On October 16th you can tweet a 'Thank You' message to ECEs to let them know they are important and valued professionals in your community
- Tag the Association of Early Childhood Educators Ontario @AECEO
- Tag the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care @ChildCareON
- Use the hashtags #ECEAppreciation #ECEPower #DecentWork #Champion4Children

My colleagues and I hope you'll commit to thanking ECEs and child care workers on October 16th. We look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

(Signature/Name)

Address

City, Province

Postal Code

Email

Phone Number

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