

## **Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX**

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 12:10 PM  
**To:** Gillese, Thyra LASS:EX; Hannah, Jeff LASS:EX; Carreras, Korleen TAC:EX; Kreuzkamp, Sophia LASS:EX  
**Subject:** Attendees - 13 and 2 TBA

- There is a screen, projector and relevant wires for a mac laptop for the purposes of a powerpoint presentation
- Chairs are in the closet, if they come out they should be put back in
- Tables can be moved around in whatever way we would like, extra chairs can be put away
- Stardom was invited but has not been confirmed

Attendees – 13 confirmed and 2 TBA

Bob D'Eith  
Lisa Beare - TBC  
Sophia Kreuzkamp –CA Bob D'Eith  
Jeff Hannah - CA Lisa Beare  
Thyra Gillese – CA Lisa Beare  
Korleen Carreras – EA Lisa Beare

### **Ministry of State for Childcare:**

Niki Sharma  
Minister Chen

### **Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows CCRR:**

Anita Galvin (lead)  
Jo-Anne Mackenzie (lead)

### **Discovery Playhouse Children's Society:**

Rachel Hess  
Lori Imai

### **Imagination Station:**

Alexis Playdon  
Lynsey Pashley TBC

### **Director from Community Services & School Board rep:**

Vicki Kipps (ED)

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 1:45 PM  
**To:** Trimble, Brett FIN:EX  
**Subject:** CC email account

Hi Brett!

I'd like to have access to the childcare email account!

I don't see it right now, maybe you can walk me through it? Should be able to do that around 2:30 pm?

Best,  
Jasleen



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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 12:25 PM  
**To:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** ERROR FW: Tuesday Kiwasa

Hi Karen,

My apologies, tri city news is for the Wednesday Coquitlam/Port Moody tour NOT tomorrow at Kiwasa.

Best,  
Jasleen

-----Original Message-----

From: Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
Sent: April 30, 2018 9:17 AM  
To: Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX <[Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca)>  
Subject: Tuesday Kiwasa

Hey Karen,

Just a heads up, for the Kiwasa event tomorrow from 8-9 am, Tricity news will be present.

Best,  
Jasleen

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 5:11 PM  
**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Childcare providers

Sorry, got this to you late.

Best,  
Jasleen

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**From:** Gillese, Thyra [<mailto:Thyra.Gillese@leg.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 10:48 AM  
**To:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Childcare providers

Hi Jasleen,

Here we go.... Potential list for Ministry visit/meeting. Let me know how else I can help.

Saskia Nicholls: Head of School/owner  
Kinderheart Montessori  
[info@kinderheart.ca](mailto:info@kinderheart.ca)  
(604) 460-8558

\*Note: was quoted in the paper - see link below. We have not had direct contact with Saskia but I can give her a call once we know the details.

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Note:

Quote from email we received:

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Note: Quoted in paper - see link below. One of 3 providers who met with MLA D'Eith

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Note: s.22 was one of 3 who met with MLA D'Eith. I believe she also received a call from Ministry staff.

s.22

Note: Also quoted in the paper - see link below. One of 3 who met with MLA D'Eith

Reference:

<https://www.mapleridgenews.com/news/private-daycare-operators-in-maple-ridge-opt-out-of-government-plan/>

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 11:34 AM  
**To:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Cc:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Invitation to childcare meeting Monday April 30th

Attendees to be added for tonight's roundtable..

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**From:** D'Eith.MLA, Bob [<mailto:Bob.Deith.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** April 30, 2018 11:27 AM  
**To:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX <[Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Invitation to childcare meeting Monday April 30th

FYI for you.

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**From:** Vicki Kipps [<mailto:vkipps@comservice.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 11:14 AM  
**To:** D'Eith.MLA, Bob <[Bob.Deith.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Bob.Deith.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Invitation to childcare meeting Monday April 30th

Hi Sophia,

I understand Minister Chen is meeting with our program staff here at Community Services at 5:00 before the library event. For the 6:00 event at the library, it will be myself plus Anita Galvin and Jo-Anne Mackenzie who lead our Child Care Resource & Referral Program.

Thanks again for including us in the important conversations.

Vicki



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**From:** D'Eith.MLA, Bob [<mailto:Bob.Deith.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** April 30, 2018 10:37 AM  
**To:** Vicki Kipps <[vkipps@comservice.bc.ca](mailto:vkipps@comservice.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Invitation to childcare meeting Monday April 30th

Hi Vicki,

The meeting will be at the library at 6:00PM in the Fraser Room.

Can you please let me know how many people you would like to bring with you and their names?

I will check to see that we can fit everyone in.

All the best,

Sophia

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**From:** Vicki Kipps [<mailto:vkipps@comservice.bc.ca>]

**Sent:** Sunday, April 29, 2018 8:10 PM

**To:** D'Eith.MLA, Bob <[Bob.Deith.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Bob.Deith.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Re: Invitation to childcare meeting Monday April 30th

Hi Sophia

Thank you for the invite, yes I would like to attend with my child care program staff. Please send the details.

Vicki

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 27, 2018, at 4:31 PM, D'Eith.MLA, Bob <[Bob.Deith.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Bob.Deith.MLA@leg.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Vicki,

I tried calling you but the office said you were out for the day. I hope you are taking advantage of this fabulous weather.

I wanted to reach out and invite you to a childcare roundtable meeting that is happening next Monday with Minister Katrina Chen. I understand that there will be other childcare providers invited, but we wanted to extend an invitation to you because of the great work that MRPM Community Services does in our area with the Early Childhood Services and Child and Youth Services.

The meeting is at 6:00PM on Monday April 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to make it I will send you more details.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

All the best,

**Sophia Kreuzkamp** | Constituency Assistant | Bob D'Eith, MLA Maple Ridge-Mission

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 1:36 PM  
**To:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: May 2 CC visits itinerary  
**Attachments:** Site visit Minister Chen Daycare Tour May 2018.docx

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 30, 2018 8:35 AM  
**To:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX <[Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>; Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX <[Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: May 2 CC visits itinerary

For your review. Let me know if this all sounds good and I will put details in the calendar.

Best,

**Emily White**

*Administrative Coordinator*

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**From:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, April 27, 2018 2:55 PM  
**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Subject:** May 2 CC visits itinerary

Hi Emily

Attached is the itinerary for Wed, May 2.

Let me know if any questions/concerns.

Krista

**Krista Cain**

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Deputy Minister's Office  
Ministry of Children and Family Development  
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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 1:41 PM  
**To:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: MCFD ECE BC attendance

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 30, 2018 12:34 PM  
**To:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX <[Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: MCFD ECE BC attendance

Did this get confirmed?

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 27, 2018 2:11 PM  
**To:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX <[Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: MCFD ECE BC attendance

Our lovely AA, Cherie, is finding out and will let Emily know accordingly.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 27, 2018, at 1:02 PM, Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX <[Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Jasleen, I understand from Chantille that you're now the lead on details for AV/streaming at the ECE BC conference next week. Please could I ask you to follow up with Emily with an update/more details?

Thank you,

Brendan

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**From:** Emily Mlieczko [<mailto:executive.director@ecebc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 27, 2018 11:29 AM  
**To:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX <[Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX <[Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: MCFD ECE BC attendance

Good morning,

Brendan,

Our AV team is looking for further details. We are starting to build the agenda for Friday morning and wondering how long does the Minister need for the announcement? I have copied Christine Buttkus, ECEBC Conference Coordinator to support the morning events.

Best,

Emily

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**From:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX <[Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 9:47 AM  
**To:** Emily Mlieczko <[executive.director@ecebc.ca](mailto:executive.director@ecebc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX <[Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: MCFD ECE BC attendance

Hi Emily,

Apologies for the delay. Thanks so much for your willingness to accommodate this. I've passed on to our AV team. To answer your question, yes, we would cover the cost. I'll let you know further details as/when I have them.

Thank you,

Brendan

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**From:** Emily Mlieczko [<mailto:executive.director@ecebc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 10:50 AM  
**To:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX <[Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX <[Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: MCFD ECE BC attendance

Good morning,

We weren't planning on recording the event only due to cost, but defiantly could add this to our AV order to ensure good quality. Could the cost be covered through you? Typically between \$500-\$750.

As for the media we most defiantly would be able to accommodate them. It would be helpful if they would check in with the conference registration desk and we can provide press passes.

Best,

Emily

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**From:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX <[Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** April 20, 2018 10:31 AM  
**To:** Emily Mlieczko <[executive.director@ecebc.ca](mailto:executive.director@ecebc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX <[Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** MCFD ECE BC attendance

Good morning Emily,

I wanted to get in touch about the upcoming ECE BC conference, which both Minister Conroy and Minister Chen will be attending. The ministers are hoping to make an announcement and would be interested in streaming the keynote on Facebook Live. Will you be recording the conference already? And if not, is this something you would be able to accommodate? We would be able to provide AV support to get everything online.

In addition, they may wish to invite a few media if they do make an announcement. Would you be comfortable with this?

Please let me know if this would be possible, and we can start making arrangements from our side.

Many thanks,

Brendan

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 12:16 PM  
**To:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Monday, April 30th - Roundtable w/ Minister Katrina Chen

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 30, 2018 11:33 AM  
**To:** Carreras, Korleen TAC:EX <[Korleen.Carreras@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Korleen.Carreras@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Monday, April 30th - Roundtable w/ Minister Katrina Chen

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 30, 2018 11:32 AM  
**To:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX <[Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Monday, April 30th - Roundtable w/ Minister Katrina Chen

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "White, Emily MCF:EX" <[Emily.White@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Emily.White@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 26, 2018 at 2:36:23 PM PDT  
**To:** "'[admin@discoveryplayhouse.ca](mailto:admin@discoveryplayhouse.ca)'" <[admin@discoveryplayhouse.ca](mailto:admin@discoveryplayhouse.ca)>, s.22

**Cc:** "Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX" <[Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Monday, April 30th - Roundtable w/ Minister Katrina Chen

Good afternoon –

I am emailing on behalf of Minister Katrina Chen. Minister Chen would like to set up a roundtable with yourselves this upcoming Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, in Maple Ridge. I will also be reaching out to the local CCRR, and other members of the community (including city staff).

We will be hosting this roundtable at the Maple Ridge Public Library. Currently, we are hoping to host this at **6:00pm** but I will be able to confirm the time tomorrow afternoon.

If you could please let me know if you are able to attend this roundtable, and if anyone will be joining you in attendance.

Thank you kindly,

**Emily White**

*Administrative Coordinator*

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 3:51 PM  
**To:** Scott, Samantha AG:EX  
**Subject:** FW: School District 74 "White Privilege" Poster

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 30, 2018 3:51 PM  
**To:** 'Pilon, Lori' <[Lori.Pilon@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Lori.Pilon@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: School District 74 "White Privilege" Poster

Hi Lori,

Hope you're doing well.

Thanks for sending along. s.22  
Scott!

have sent this a long to the new EA – Samantha

All the best,  
Jasleen

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**From:** Pilon, Lori [<mailto:Lori.Pilon@leg.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** April 30, 2018 3:47 PM  
**To:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX <[Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** School District 74 "White Privilege" Poster

Hello Jasleen,

I am writing from MLA Jackie Tegart's office. We have received a complaint from a constituent regarding a "White Privilege" poster that was posted in schools in the district. The poster was likely developed and posted by the School District to further a conversation among students regarding discrimination, equality and privilege, however this constituent feels that the poster is racist and violates Section 7 of the Canadian Human Rights Code, and possibly other legislation.

A copy of the poster is below. Could you please advise whether this is a Human Rights Tribunal issue that the Tribunal might adjudicate if a formal complaint is made, or otherwise whether the poster is contrary to any provincial Code or other legislation.



Thank you so much,



### **Lori Pilon**

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, April 27, 2018 2:48 PM  
**To:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: May cc tour plan

FYI

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**Date:** April 27, 2018 at 2:47:09 PM PDT  
**To:** "Cain, Krista A MCF:EX" <[Krista.Cain@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Krista.Cain@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>, "White, Emily MCF:EX" <[Emily.White@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Emily.White@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: May cc tour plan

Following up - Inviting tri-city news is fine!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 27, 2018, at 2:08 PM, Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX <[Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Krista,

Sharing information seems fine and airing on the safe side to get a photo release from parents is great as well.

Niki any thoughts on media being present?

<http://www.tricitynews.com/news/challenges-in-rolling-out-daycare-plan-1.23244096>

Best,  
Jasleen

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**From:** "White, Emily MCF:EX" <[Emily.White@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Emily.White@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 27, 2018 at 1:03:18 PM PDT  
**To:** "Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX" <[Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca)>



Cc: "Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX"  
<Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca>, "Cain, Krista A MCF:EX"  
<Krista.Cain@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject: FW: May cc tour plan**

Hi Jasleen –

Can you help answer Krista's questions below?

**Emily White**

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**Sent:** Friday, April 27, 2018 12:48 PM  
**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: May cc tour plan

Hi Emily

One of the facilities (Step by Step) has reached out to pose a few questions that require attention today:

- 1) Our board gave a presentation for the Mayor of Coquitlam about Step by Step in the last month; would the Minister like us to share information during the visit about our society?
- 2) Will you be wanting to take any pictures of the children? If so, we need to get Amy to complete a photo release with parents prior to the visit, and we'll need time to make sure that we complete these.
- 3) We have recently been trying to raise our profile in the community - and have had connected with the Tri-Cities News about the work we do. Would it be

appropriate/and idea to invite them to the visit with the Minister?

Thanks – will get itinerary to you later today.

Krista

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 3:19 PM  
**To:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: May cc tour plan

Will just be Niki.

And Friday is fine! Thank you.

**Emily White**

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**Subject:** RE: May cc tour plan

Hi Emily

One centre would like to know how many staff will be attending with MSKC? Is it just Niki?

Also, they will be sending me more info on Friday re the centre. Can I get you the itinerary then?

Thanks

Krista

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:03 AM  
**To:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: May cc tour plan

Hi Krista –

I just wanted to follow up and see if you had a chance to connect w/ the CC providers and confirm some times for the 2<sup>nd</sup>?

Best,

**Emily White**

*Administrative Coordinator*

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**Subject:** RE: May cc tour plan

Thank you!

**Emily White**

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**From:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 23, 2018 5:36 PM  
**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: May cc tour plan

Thanks Emily.

I have already reached out to the 5 providers for May 4, however I will contact them again and let them know the change in dates, which may actually work better for some.

Will get back to you.

Krista

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 23, 2018 4:24 PM  
**To:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: May cc tour plan  
**Importance:** High

Hi Krista –

A change of plans for MSKC's tour. Noted below is Coquitlam to take place in the late May break week.

However, Niki and MSKC would like to do a tour of the Coquitlam child care spaces next week on Wednesday.

Can you please have staff reach out to the CC spaces and set this up? As well, if you could please provide a detailed itinerary that would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you,

**Emily White**  
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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 9:38 AM  
**To:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX; Massey, Christine MCF:EX  
**Cc:** White, Emily MCF:EX; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Subject:** May cc tour plan

Hello Everyone,

Here are our thoughts on the May child care tour.  
Locations and times may have to be adjusted because of travel. Please let us know your advice on places to visit in the region.

MSKC (Northwest coast)

- 1) Monday(possible travel day), Tuesday, Wednesday - Smithers, Prince Rupert (or other locations in region)
- 2) Thursday – Sunshine Coast (if MKC is doing Aboriginal Head Start announcement, we could find on or off-reserve child care to visit with MSKC)
- 3) Friday – Coquitlam (locations were already mapped out, we just had to cancel a couple times)

MKC (Northeast, Kootenays)

- 1) M-W: opt-in decal visits in West Kootenay
- 2) Thursday: Prince George – do Aboriginal HeadStart announcement
  - visit an opted in childcare
- 3) Friday: Nelson: Visit Nelson opted-in childcare  
Speak to the West Kootenay Early Years Conference/awards

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

**The Hon. Katrina Chen**

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## **Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX**

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 3:38 PM  
**To:** Clark, Layne PREM:EX  
**Subject:** s.22

s.22                      thanks for all your hardwork and being such a wonderful advocate!

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**Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX**

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 1:14 PM  
**To:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Subject:** s.22

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\*Note: was quoted in the paper - see link below. s.22

s.22



## **Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX**

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 5:39 PM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Kiwassa Tomorrow - Briefing Call Today

Hey Niki,

Wanted to update you on the 5 pm call – nothing too big. Karen went through the agenda with Mark. Karen will arrive around 7:15-30 and Mark right before that. CTV and Tri City news (only ones confirmed) to arrive at 8:30.

The idea came up of one pagers can be placed on tables for parents, Karen said she'll run this by Mark.

Parents apparently quite engaged according to Mark - \$10 a day. Many may run off to work but 7 parents available for the roundtable piece.

Andrea Reimer to potentially pass out a statement from the city to media and speak "casually" around celebrating child care month – Karen just needs approval from you.

They will bring a decal and likely get a picture of Katrina and a child putting it up. Karen is getting content and images/video for me to put up on social media. I requested that it be sent to me as well as I'll be taking over for social media.

Karen also wanted to debrief with you and Katrina either tonight or first thing in the morning around the schedule. She's also happy to arrive early, just send her a text if this is the case.

Also mentioned having the Q&A's and Costs of Advertising Issues notes on hand tomorrow.

**Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX**

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, April 27, 2018 4:06 PM  
**To:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX  
**Cc:** White, Emily MCF:EX; Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Maple Ridge Monday

The CA from Bob Deiths office is confirming the director from community services and a school board rep be able to join. She will confirm attendance and I'll get back to everyone!

Sent from my iPhone

## **Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX**

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 7:09 PM  
**To:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** May 17th - Child Care Provider Appreciation Day

Hi Krista,

Hope you're doing well – thanks for taking out a moment to chat.

I'm reaching out as I'm hoping we can coordinate a tea for Child Care Provider Appreciation day on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

In regards to attendees, perhaps handing out decals to providers. Also, inviting Mayor Helps? Paula mentioned that you would be able to assist with this part. I'd be happy to chat tomorrow.

Karen, we had a thought of potentially inviting media, would you be able to advise?

Best,  
Jasleen

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## Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 5:19 PM  
**To:** Trimble, Brett FIN:EX  
**Subject:** My computer and keyboard are in!!!

No screens just yet though ☹

Let me know if you have a moment tomorrow morning, 10 onwards is probably ideal!

Talk soon!  
Jasleen

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## Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 2:33 PM  
**To:** Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Quick Chat

Hey! I don't have your phone number, I've realized how desperately I'll need that going forward! A few comments on FB that I was hoping you might be able to help me address. Let me know when's the best time to chat. Talk soon 😊

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## **Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX**

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 3:43 PM  
**To:** Minister, AG AG:EX  
**Cc:** Milne, Gala AG:EX  
**Subject:** RE: 275176 MLA Paton (fyi)

Hi Candice!

I took a look through, I don't seem to have the below – it may have been missed!

Best,  
Jasleen

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**From:** Minister, AG AG:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 3:39 PM  
**To:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Milne, Gala AG:EX  
**Subject:** FW: 275176 MLA Paton (fyi)

Hi Jasleen,

I am not sure if this MLA correspondence was dealt with or not while I was away, this was “unread” in the AG inbox.

Wolfgang – you may have gotten it and logged it – but I can't find it in cliff.

If a response has not been actioned, would you like me to log and get it underway.

Candice

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**From:** Writing Services, Transportation TRAN:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 9:23 AM  
**To:** Minister, AG AG:EX  
**Subject:** 275176 MLA Paton (fyi)

Hello,

Please find attached correspondence for your information only. Thank you.

**Rita Chan** | Correspondence Assistant | Corporate Writing Services | Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure | 5B - 940 Blanshard Street, Victoria BC V8W 3E6 | Tel: 250 387-7560 | Fax: 250 356-7706

## Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 5:10 PM  
**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Armstrong

Hi Emily.

You're right. Due to session it's difficult to offer up any day outside of the 18<sup>th</sup> and that won't work on their end. Niki it looks like Katrina will be on tour for May 25<sup>th</sup> and that hasn't changed in any way so it looks like this won't be possible unless we're considering June.

I'll let the MAs know tomorrow!

Best,  
Jasleen

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 2:45 PM  
**To:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Armstrong

Hi – can you please advise on if MSKC has any other available dates? I have mentioned to Andra a few times that the only date that works for MSKC is May 18<sup>th</sup> but she is asking again if there are other available dates... and looking at MSKC's calendar I don't see any before June 1<sup>st</sup> where she is in Burnaby. *Maybe* May 25<sup>th</sup>? Though she is coming back from a tour... would it work for her to do this announcement then? Not sure the full tour schedule yet.

Thank you,

### Emily White

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**From:** Hahn, Andra EDUC:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 2:43 PM  
**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Harrison, Veronica EDUC:EX; Farrance, Melissa EDUC:EX; Filion, Corinna GCPE:EX; Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX;

Tackaberry, Emily GCPE:EX; Maartman, William EDUC:EX

**Subject:** RE: Armstrong

Hi Emily,

Regarding the Armstrong announcement, please let us know if any other dates prior to June 1 work for Minister Chen as May 10, 11, 12, and 18<sup>th</sup> are not suitable – see email below,

THanks again, Emily,  
Andra.

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**From:** Tackaberry, Emily GCPE:EX

**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 11:49 AM

**To:** Maartman, William EDUC:EX; Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX

**Cc:** Harrison, Veronica EDUC:EX; Farrance, Melissa EDUC:EX; Hahn, Andra EDUC:EX; Fillion, Corinna GCPE:EX

**Subject:** RE: Armstrong

Hey all,

The district has just informed us that May 18<sup>th</sup> is a pro-d day for the school, so that's out.

Is there another date? May 10-12 does not work as the principal and entire grade 6-7 are at camp, and May 18 is the drop dead date for the project to go to procurement.

Thanks  
Emily

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**From:** Maartman, William EDUC:EX

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 3:47 PM

**To:** Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX

**Cc:** Harrison, Veronica EDUC:EX; Farrance, Melissa EDUC:EX; Hahn, Andra EDUC:EX; Fillion, Corinna GCPE:EX; Tackaberry, Emily GCPE:EX

**Subject:** Re: Armstrong

Hey team - was the 18th still on the table? I just confirmed with MKC office and she is good for that date.

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Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 24, 2018, at 2:48 PM, Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX <[Sean.Leslie@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sean.Leslie@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hello, any update on when we might be able to announce the Armstrong (Burnaby) funding? Maybe should be just an NR?

Sean Leslie  
Communications Manager  
Ministry of Education  
(250) 356-8485(o)  
(250) 893-4403(m)



## **Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX**

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 12:49 PM  
**To:** Gillese, Thyra LASS:EX; Hannah, Jeff LASS:EX; Carreras, Korleen TAC:EX; Kreuzkamp, Sophia LASS:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Attendees - 13 and 2 TBA

Jeanine from stardom<sup>s.22</sup> won't be able to make it.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 30, 2018, at 12:10 PM, Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX <[Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

- There is a screen, projector and relevant wires for a mac laptop for the purposes of a powerpoint presentation
- Chairs are in the closet, if they come out they should be put back in
- Tables can be moved around in whatever way we would like, extra chairs can be put away
- Stardom was invited but has not been confirmed

Attendees – 13 confirmed and 2 TBA

Bob D'Eith  
Lisa Beare - TBC  
Sophia Kreuzkamp –CA Bob D'Eith  
Jeff Hannah - CA Lisa Beare  
Thyra Gillese – CA Lisa Beare  
Korleen Carreras – EA Lisa Beare

**Ministry of State for Childcare:**

Niki Sharma  
Minister Chen

**Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows CCRR:**

Anita Galvin (lead)  
Jo-Anne Mackenzie (lead)

**Discovery Playhouse Children's Society:**

Rachel Hess  
Lori Imai

**Imagination Station:**

Alexis Playdon  
Lynsey Pashley TBC

**Director from Community Services & School Board rep:**

Vicki Kipps (ED)

Library Contact:  
Cathy O'Connor  
604-467-7357 ext 1  
[coconnor@mapleridge.ca](mailto:coconnor@mapleridge.ca)

## **Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX**

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 3:14 PM  
**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: BCRPA Before and After School Recreation Program - Launch of next phase

Hi Paula,

Happy to chat!

Niki may be occupied most of the afternoon but I won't speak for her - I'll also be on a call at 5pm.

Best,  
Jasleen

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**From:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 30, 2018 2:41 PM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>; Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX <[Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: BCRPA Before and After School Recreation Program - Launch of next phase

Kirsten asking about this again today – do you 2 have time to discuss this?

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**From:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, April 27, 2018 12:08 PM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: BCRPA Before and After School Recreation Program - Launch of next phase

It would be good to talk about this before one of us reaches out to Kelly and James in TAC I am free between now and our CC meeting – or do you think Niki we should add this to the list of things to discuss there?

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**From:** Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, April 27, 2018 10:33 AM  
**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX; Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** BCRPA Before and After School Recreation Program - Launch of next phase

Hi Paula,

I raised this on a call earlier this week, but following up to see if you've had a chance to talk to TAC's MA and if there's a decision about our participation in an announcement/NR?

Thanks,  
Kirsten

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Todoruk, Kyle TAC:EX" <Kyle.Todoruk@gov.bc.ca>  
**Date:** April 26, 2018 at 10:37:04 AM PDT  
**To:** "Barry, Jonathan MCF:EX" <Jonathan.Barry@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** "O'Rae, Becki TAC:EX" <Becki.ORae@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: BCRPA Before and After School Recreation Program - Launch of next phase

Hi Jonathan,

Thanks for the opportunity to chat last week regarding the note below. I just wanted to touch base to see if you have had a chance to discuss with your GCPE team whether or not they would like to have any involvement in the upcoming launch? BCRPA is keen to start advertising the program, but we've asked them to hold off announcing until we hear back from you.

Thanks again,  
Kyle

**Kyle Todoruk** | Director, Sport Branch | Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture | Victoria, BC | NEW 778-698-2864  
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**From:** Todoruk, Kyle TAC:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 1:55 PM  
**To:** Barry, Jonathan MCF:EX  
**Cc:** O'Rae, Becki CSCD:EX ([Becki.ORae@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Becki.ORae@gov.bc.ca))  
**Subject:** BCRPA Before and After School Recreation Program - Launch of next phase

Hi Jonathan,

Wondering if you might have time for a quick phone call regarding the BCRPA Before and After School Recreation Program, funded as part of the MOU (\$2.4 million) between our two ministries signed in 2017. BCRPA is getting ready to launch the next part of the program that will run from September 2018-June 2019 and we wanted to check in with you to see if you thought your GCPE team would want to have any involvement. BCRPA is hoping to launch as soon as next week.

Just as a reminder, this funding was previously announced back in April 2017. I've attached a link to the news release for your reference. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017CFD0011-001105>

Thanks,  
Kyle

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## Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 29, 2018 12:13 PM  
**To:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Re: CBC media request

Hey Katrina,

It was - Paula, Christine, Niki and Karen were looped in. They found the story was not accurate and reached out to make a correction.

Paula and I were also going to follow up Monday.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 28, 2018, at 1:22 PM, Chen, Katrina MCF:EX <[Katrina.Chen@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Katrina.Chen@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Sorry - somehow my emails were not updated in my phone earlier. Just getting lots new emails coming in today. Just want to confirm that this has been dealt with?

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 27, 2018, at 2:14 PM, Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX <[Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Let me know if there is a typical routine for media requests..

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Chen.MLA, Katrina LASS:EX" <[Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 27, 2018 at 2:10:58 PM PDT  
**To:** "Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX" <[Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** CBC media request

The reporter's name is Zahara Premji - 604-506-3872 -  
[zahara.premji@cbc.ca](mailto:zahara.premji@cbc.ca)

She has a question about Buddings Daycare and why they have not been included. George Heyman was doing some kind of media there and the childcare question came up and he said he couldn't speak to it. Therefore, CBC would like to follow up with the minister.

FYI They broadcast extra early today ( 4pm) because of the hockey play-offs.

## Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 29, 2018 12:11 PM  
**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Re: CBC story about s.22

Absolutely!

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 28, 2018, at 9:00 AM, Gunn, Paula MCF:EX <[Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

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> Hi Jasleen, sorry I missed this email from you somehow yesterday - sounds like there is more backstory to this than I knew, can get more details from you next week. Have a good weekend! Paula

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> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Apr 27, 2018, at 4:03 PM, Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX <[Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

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>> Hey Paula, I spoke with George heymans CA about this and I asked for a few points I got some from Krista - this was passed on to the CA. Katrina was also invited but had two meetings. George wasn't aware media was going to join until the day before.

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>> Sent from my iPhone

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>>> On Apr 27, 2018, at 3:51 PM, Gunn, Paula MCF:EX <[Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

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>>> Heard a story at 3:30 wanted to make sure is on the radar: about a cc called s.22 or similar that offers part time flexible care, s.22

>>> Sent from my iPhone

## Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 5:12 PM  
**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Contact info for booking

Hi Paula!

Yes still here ☺

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**From:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 5:06 PM  
**To:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Cc:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Contact info for booking

Sorry was on a long call with Alisma –are you still here? Could come down.

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 4:39 PM  
**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Cc:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Contact info for booking

Hey Paula,

I've called, let me know when is best to chat – we're hoping to secure by tomorrow.

Best,  
Jasleen

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**From:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 3:19 PM  
**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX; Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Contact info for booking

This hasn't come up before, Jasleen can you call me and let me know more detail about the event?

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 3:04 PM  
**To:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Contact info for booking

I'm not sure if there is an issue w/ costs.

Paula – do you know if there would be an issue w/ paying for a meeting space?

**Emily White**  
*Administrative Coordinator*

**The Hon. Katrine Conroy**

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 3:02 PM  
**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Contact info for booking

FYI – booked but costs..is that okay?

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**From:** Beare.MLA, Lisa [<mailto:Lisa.Beare.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 3:01 PM  
**To:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Contact info for booking

Hi Jasleen,

The Fraser Rm at the Maple Ridge Library is booked:

Monday April 30

5:45pm-7:15pm

Non profit rate \$20.91/hr

Contact:

Cathy O'Connor

604-467-7357 ext 1

[coconnor@mapleridge.ca](mailto:coconnor@mapleridge.ca)

Cathy will need you to contact her to set up an account, get the booking contract completed.

Let me know if I can do anything else to help out.

Thyra

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## **Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX**

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 4:41 PM  
**To:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Decals

Oh I got the list!!

Not to worry Krista!

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**From:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 4:40 PM  
**To:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Decals

Mind if I call you tomorrow? Just trying to finish something and get out the door....or I can email you the list but I think you said you wanted it by phone?

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 4:23 PM  
**To:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Decals

Hi Krista,

Thanks for the update.

There don't happen to be a couple decals around that we can hand out early are there? Or is it all being prepared in one go?

Feel free to call me today!

Best,  
Jasleen

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**From:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 4:20 PM  
**To:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Decals

Hi Jasleen

Regarding the two decals for next Wednesday Coquitlam cc visits – I am told they won't be ready until the following day. We can certainly get them out to the providers but the Minister won't be able to give them out in person unfortunately.

Also I have the Maple Ridge info you requested....Did you want me to call you today or in the morning with this?

Thanks  
Krista

**Krista Cain**

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## Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 5:21 PM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: FYI: MEDIA ADVISORY– Ministry of Children and Family Development – Vancouver

Andrea may come with a statement ready to pass along to media subject to approval.

Mark and folks are just waiting for you to give it a go ahead - emailing Karen tonight would be best.

Best,  
Jasleen

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**From:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 30, 2018 4:58 PM  
**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX <[Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>; Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX <[Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca)>; Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX <[Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: FYI: MEDIA ADVISORY– Ministry of Children and Family Development – Vancouver

I'm talking to Mark T 5 pm. We'll make it happen. 😊

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 30, 2018, at 4:56 PM, Gunn, Paula MCF:EX <[Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Agree, I think they could send out a proclamation and/or release re: proclamation and Councillor Reimer could speak about that to any media that are interested. Niki is with MSKC at event so may not see this, and I am heading out so including Jasleen.

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**From:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 4:48 PM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: FYI: MEDIA ADVISORY– Ministry of Children and Family Development – Vancouver

Thoughts? It's nice but this is an availability. Not an event ie - there is no podium/ AV. Shall I suggest the city can speak casually to media who are there just as we are. They should send out a release though. That would be nice. Kj

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Mark Gifford <[markg@kiwassa.ca](mailto:markg@kiwassa.ca)>  
**Date:** April 30, 2018 at 4:44:29 PM PDT  
**To:** "Brandt, Keely GCPE:EX" <[keely.brandt@gov.bc.ca](mailto:keely.brandt@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX" <[karen.v.johnston@gov.bc.ca](mailto:karen.v.johnston@gov.bc.ca)>, MaryClare Zak <[maryclare.zak@vancouver.ca](mailto:maryclare.zak@vancouver.ca)>

**Subject: Re: FYI: MEDIA ADVISORY– Ministry of Children and Family Development – Vancouver**

Karen and Brandt

The city is wondering if Andrea Reimer can make a City proclamation re: Child Care Month at the event tomorrow. I've ccd Mary Clare Zak, Director of Social Policy.

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**From:** Brandt, Keely GCPE:EX <[Keely.Brandt@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Keely.Brandt@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 3:03:52 PM  
**To:** Mark Gifford  
**Cc:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FYI: MEDIA ADVISORY– Ministry of Children and Family Development – Vancouver

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**From:** [noreply.newsondemand@gov.bc.ca](mailto:noreply.newsondemand@gov.bc.ca) [<mailto:noreply.newsondemand@gov.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 2:08 PM  
**To:** GCPE Minis  
**Subject:** MEDIA ADVISORY– Ministry of Children and Family Development – Vancouver

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April 30, 2018

Ministry of Children and Family Development

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

VANCOUVER - Katrina Chen, Minister of State for Child Care, will celebrate the start of Child Care Month by meeting with some of the thousands of parents who have already seen savings in child-care fees through the new Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative.

Chen will be available to take questions from media in attendance.

Event Date: Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Location:  
Hastings Park Childcare Centre  
150 Renfrew Street North  
Vancouver

Special Instructions:

Media are asked to sign in at the front entrance. Map:

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Contact:

Government Communications and Public Engagement  
Ministry of Children and Family Development  
250 356-1553

## Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 12:05 PM  
**To:** Hughes, Candice AG:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Hi Jasleen - are you around and about today :)

Oh brilliant! Well that worked out well 😊

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**From:** Hughes, Candice AG:EX  
**Sent:** April 30, 2018 12:04 PM  
**To:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX <[Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Hi Jasleen - are you around and about today :)

I just wanted to ask you about a team lunch  
I just asked Tanera about ½ hour ago and she touched base with you ...  
So we are going to go out on Thursday 😊

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 12:03 PM  
**To:** Hughes, Candice AG:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Hi Jasleen - are you around and about today :)

Hi Candice!

I'll pop by 😊

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**From:** Hughes, Candice AG:EX  
**Sent:** April 30, 2018 10:35 AM  
**To:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX <[Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Hi Jasleen - are you around and about today :)

## Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 12:36 PM  
**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: May 2 CC visits itinerary

I believe Step by Step is located in Port Moody, can we confirm?

Rest looks fine to me. I will ensure the relevant information reaches Rick Glumac as he will also be attending.

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 30, 2018 8:35 AM  
**To:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX <[Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>; Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX <[Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: May 2 CC visits itinerary

For your review. Let me know if this all sounds good and I will put details in the calendar.

Best,

### Emily White

*Administrative Coordinator*

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**From:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, April 27, 2018 2:55 PM  
**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Subject:** May 2 CC visits itinerary

Hi Emily

Attached is the itinerary for Wed, May 2.

Let me know if any questions/concerns.



Krista

**Krista Cain**

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## Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 12:26 PM  
**To:** Hickenbotham, Caitlin LASS:EX  
**Subject:** RE: May cc tour plan

Not a problem at all! Would have been great to have you 😊

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**From:** Hickenbotham, Caitlin [mailto:Caitlin.Hickenbotham@leg.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** April 30, 2018 12:22 PM  
**To:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX <Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: May cc tour plan

Hi Jasleen,

I was hoping for the opportunity to tag along, however we have a new staff member starting that day so I will be busy showing her the ropes.

Cheers :D

**Caitlin Hickenbotham** | Constituency Assistant  
Rick Glumac, MLA Port Moody – Coquitlam  
301-220 Brew St, Port Moody, BC V3H 0H6  
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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX [mailto:Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 12:07 PM  
**To:** Hickenbotham, Caitlin <Caitlin.Hickenbotham@leg.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: May cc tour plan

Thanks Caitlin ☐ Will you be joining as well?

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**From:** Hickenbotham, Caitlin [mailto:Caitlin.Hickenbotham@leg.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** April 30, 2018 12:00 PM  
**To:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX <Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: May cc tour plan

Hi Jasleen,

I just wanted to confirm that Rick is planning to attend the sites with Katrina.

With gratitude,

**Caitlin Hickenbotham** | Constituency Assistant  
Rick Glumac, MLA Port Moody – Coquitlam  
301-220 Brew St, Port Moody, BC V3H 0H6

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX [mailto:Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 11:56 AM  
**To:** Hickenbotham, Caitlin <Caitlin.Hickenbotham@leg.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: May cc tour plan  
**Importance:** High

Hi Caitlin,

The city is wrong on Step by Step Daycare Harbour View Elementary so you can disregard that!

Let me know if Rick would like to join.

Best,  
Jasleen

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:27 AM  
**To:** Arora, Jasleen AG:EX  
**Subject:** FW: May cc tour plan  
**Importance:** High

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**  
*Ministerial Assistant to*  
**The Hon. Katrina Chen**  
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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:19 AM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: May cc tour plan  
**Importance:** High

Niki please see below and attached. Are we good to go w/ just two sites to visit?

Best,

**Emily White**

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**From:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:18 AM

**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Subject:** RE: May cc tour plan

Yes I did.

I only have two confirmed. One said no, and one didn't respond. The 5<sup>th</sup> one is federally funded, so not suitable.

Does MSKC still want to do it with only two? They both said morning so I have done a rough itinerary – see attached. I can finalize the itinerary once you confirm it is still a go.

Thanks

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:03 AM

**To:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX

**Subject:** RE: May cc tour plan

Hi Krista –

I just wanted to follow up and see if you had a chance to connect w/ the CC providers and confirm some times for the 2<sup>nd</sup>?

Best,

**Emily White**

*Administrative Coordinator*

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 9:54 AM  
**To:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: May cc tour plan

Thank you!

**Emily White**

Administrative Coordinator

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**From:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 23, 2018 5:36 PM  
**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: May cc tour plan

Thanks Emily.

I have already reached out to the 5 providers for May 4, however I will contact them again and let them know the change in dates, which may actually work better for some.

Will get back to you.

Krista

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 23, 2018 4:24 PM  
**To:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: May cc tour plan  
**Importance:** High

Hi Krista –

A change of plans for MSKC's tour. Noted below is Coquitlam to take place in the late May break week.

However, Niki and MSKC would like to do a tour of the Coquitlam child care spaces next week on Wednesday.

Can you please have staff reach out to the CC spaces and set this up? As well, if you could please provide a detailed itinerary that would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you,

**Emily White**

Administrative Coordinator

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 9:38 AM

**To:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX; Massey, Christine MCF:EX

**Cc:** White, Emily MCF:EX; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX

**Subject:** May cc tour plan

Hello Everyone,

Here are our thoughts on the May child care tour. Locations and times may have to be adjusted because of travel. Please let us know your advice on places to visit in the region.

MSKC (Northwest coast)

1. Monday(possible travel day), Tuesday, Wednesday - Smithers, Prince Rupert (or other locations in region)
2. Thursday – Sunshine Coast (if MKC is doing Aboriginal Head Start announcement, we could find on or off-reserve child care to visit with MSKC)
3. Friday – Coquitlam (locations were already mapped out, we just had to cancel a couple times)

MKC (Northeast, Kootenays)

1. M-W: opt-in decal visits in West Kootenay
2. Thursday: Prince George – do Aboriginal HeadStart announcement
  - visit an opted in childcare
3. Friday: Nelson: Visit Nelson opted-in childcare  
Speak to the West Kootenay Early Years Conference/awards

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**  
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## Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 2:36 PM  
**To:** Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Quick Chat

Great, thanks!

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**From:** Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 2:34 PM  
**To:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Quick Chat

778-584-0257. I can pop by after QP.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2018, at 2:33 PM, Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX <[Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hey! I don't have your phone number, I've realized how desperately I'll need that going forward! A few comments on FB that I was hoping you might be able to help me address. Let me know when's the best time to chat. Talk soon 😊

Jasleen Arora  
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## **Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX**

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 12:21 PM  
**To:** Brown, Edena MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Reply Direct to the CO please FW: Questions about feedback on childcare programs

Hi Edena,

Absolutely, I might have just fallen back into EA habits at the AG's office!

Happy to chat, afternoon looks ideal - would 3ish be okay?

Best,  
Jasleen

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**From:** Brown, Edena MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 12:17 PM  
**To:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Reply Direct to the CO please FW: Questions about feedback on childcare programs

Hi Jasleen,

Perhaps we could chat? Sorry about not cc'ing you on this. I had reverted to my old ways... ☺ Just emailed Rhea, Niki and Cherie.

Everything for Constit Offices are supposed to go through me... so not sure "reply direct" to CO works? Reply direct would usually go to the constituent directly. If it goes to CO then I get involved.

Do you want to chat so we can set up a process that works best between you and I? I can send you all the childcare cases for example if that works best.

Thanks,  
Edena

**Edena Brown**  
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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 12:02 PM  
**To:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX; Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Brown, Edena MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Reply Direct to the CO please FW: Questions about feedback on childcare programs

Hi Rhea,

A reply direct to the CO please.

Thanks in advance!

Best,  
Jasleen

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**From:** Brown, Edena MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 11:22 AM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX; Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Questions about feedback on childcare programs

Hello All,

Not sure how to handle these childcare questions from MLA Mungall's CA.

Is there a better childcare email address to send people to? I have wondered that myself.

The second question below is similar to the MLA Thomson email. There may be a issue there with the response being sent?

Please advise. ☺

Cheers,  
Edena

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**From:** Bendig, Tessa [<mailto:Tessa.Bendig@leg.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 11:15 AM  
**To:** Brown, Edena MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Questions about feedback on childcare programs

Hi Edena,

I know you've indicated in the past that we're to direct people who have concerns about various childcare programs, including both existing programs and the new childcare fee reduction initiative to contact the following directly instead of going through the MLA office.

email: [mcf.ccof@gov.bc.ca](mailto:mcf.ccof@gov.bc.ca), [MCF.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MCF.Minister@gov.bc.ca) or [EarlyYears@gov.bc.ca](mailto:EarlyYears@gov.bc.ca) .

I have a couple of constituents / groups who I just wanted to double check with you as to the correct person to contact.

1. Group of parents wants to advocate for to support a \$25/ hr wage for ECE's . Which contact should I give them to direct their advocacy towards?
2. Childcare provider has concerns about the current way the childcare operating fund is set up and how multi-age group daycares are categorized if they are in the providers home. She has written already and received a non-answer that does not address the point she brings up. She has drafted a response and asked this office to follow up.

When you get a chance maybe you can just give me a quick call. I'll be in the office most of today- will be away from my desk from 2-3pm for about an hour.

Warm regards,



**Tessa Bendig**

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## Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, April 27, 2018 9:58 AM  
**To:** Beare.MLA, Lisa LASS:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Schedule for today

Thanks so much Thyra. Just trying to organize out the space and attendees. If you have to head out, not a problem at all. I can always shoot you a quick email!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 27, 2018, at 9:52 AM, Beare.MLA, Lisa <[Lisa.Beare.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Lisa.Beare.MLA@leg.bc.ca)> wrote:

Good morning ☺

Just a heads up that I was only supposed to work a half day today s.22

s.22

s.22 That being said - if I need to stay a little longer in order to get everything sorted for Monday I

can. s.22

s.22

Let me know what I can do!

Cheers,  
Thyra

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**From:** "Beare.MLA, Lisa" <[Lisa.Beare.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Lisa.Beare.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 3:00 PM  
**To:** "Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX" <[Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Contact info for booking

Hi Jasleen,

The Fraser Rm at the Maple Ridge Library is booked:

Monday April 30

5:45pm-7:15pm

Non profit rate \$20.91/hr

Contact:

Cathy O'Connor

604-467-7357 ext 1

[coconnor@mapleridge.ca](mailto:coconnor@mapleridge.ca)

Cathy will need you to contact her to set up an account, get the booking contract completed.

Let me know if I can do anything else to help out.

Thyra

**Thyra Gillese** | Constituency Assistant | Lisa Beare, MLA Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows  
104-20130 Lougheed Highway, Maple Ridge, BC V2X 2P7  
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## Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 12:50 PM  
**To:** Hill, Joyce LASS:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Small businesses in Abbotsford

Hi Joyce,

Hope you're doing well.

s.22 If you wouldn't mind reaching out to [ag.minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ag.minister@gov.bc.ca) at least until the new EA is set up.

Best,  
Jasleen

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**From:** Hill, Joyce [<mailto:Joyce.Hill@leg.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 12:43 PM  
**To:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Small businesses in Abbotsford

Hi Jasleen, I am forwarding you a letter I received from our constituents regarding their application for a BC Lottery Terminal and the responses they have received. Can you please advise how we can assist our constituent with their issue?

Thank you so much, I appreciate your assistance.

### Joyce Hill

Constituency Assistant  
Simon Gibson, MLA  
Abbotsford-Mission  
604-820-6203

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 3:43 PM  
**To:** Gibson.MLA, Simon <[Simon.Gibson.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Simon.Gibson.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Small businesses in Abbotsford

Hello Mr. Gibson

s.22





## **Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX**

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 12:26 PM  
**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Statement para reworked

Thanks for the context Paula! Something to think about.

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**From:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 30, 2018 12:20 PM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX <Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca>; Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX <Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Statement para reworked

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**From:** Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 11:31 AM  
**To:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Statement para reworked

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 11:29 AM  
**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Statement para reworked

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Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 30, 2018, at 11:25 AM, Gunn, Paula MCF:EX <Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Yes that works

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**From:** Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 11:25 AM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Statement para reworked

How's this:

Thanks,

**Kirsten Lauvaas**

Government Communications and Public Engagement  
Ministry of Children and Family Development  
**250 356-1553 | 250 213-5572**

## Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, April 27, 2018 3:10 PM  
**To:** Chen.MLA, Katrina LASS:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Stemcell Tech

Thanks very much Lynn!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 27, 2018, at 2:17 PM, Chen.MLA, Katrina <[Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Jasleen,

I've added an attachment which includes the contact information plus a bit of context for Katrina's connection to the company. Let me know if you need any other info on this. Always happy to help!!

Best,

Lynn Hardy | Constituency Assistant  
Hon. Katrina Chen MLA | Burnaby Lougheed  
T 604-660-5058 | F 604-660-5074

<mime-attachment>

## Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 4:24 PM  
**To:** Komnenic, Nadja LASS:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Tomorrow 12:30-1:30

No problem

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**From:** Komnenic, Nadja [<mailto:Nadja.Komnenic@leg.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 4:22 PM  
**To:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Tomorrow 12:30-1:30

Thanks, Jasleen!

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX [<mailto:Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 4:07 PM  
**To:** Komnenic, Nadja <[Nadja.Komnenic@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Nadja.Komnenic@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Tomorrow 12:30-1:30

Hi Nadja,

The minister is occupied with meetings and won't be able to make it!

Also, a few points for tomorrow:

*Seems she is asking for a new type of child care license (a health issue) and funding for it (our issue). Perhaps saying:*

- *This proposal is an interesting idea*
- *Recommend that she formally submit her proposal to the Minister of Health as well as the Minister for Children and Family Development and the Minister of State for Child Care.*
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Best,  
Jasleen

Jasleen Arora  
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## Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, April 27, 2018 10:01 AM  
**To:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Update: AEST VIU Cowichan announcement

Due to Minister Chen sitting not over the next week but the following two weeks and Cowichan being a distance, a release is ideal. Niki any flags with going down this route?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 27, 2018, at 8:50 AM, Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX <[Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Jasleen (& cc Niki),

Thanks for the call yesterday to talk about the Minister's availability for the VIU Cowichan announcement. AEST have now suggested a release with interviews for the media at request, rather than an event.

I know that we were struggling to find suitable time in the Minister's diary for an event – does this suggestion work for you? I can work with AEST on finding a time if you're happy for me to go ahead with a release/interview.

Thanks,

Brendan

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Brendan Wright  
Public Affairs Officer  
Government Communications and Public Engagement  
Ministry of Children and Family Development  
E: [brendan.wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:brendan.wright@gov.bc.ca)  
T: (250) 356-2028

## **Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX**

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 12:58 PM  
**To:** Minister, MCF MCF:EX; Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: Statistics on Education in BC

Reply direct is great.

Thanks,  
Jasleen

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**From:** Minister, MCF MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 30, 2018 12:39 PM  
**To:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX <[Rhea.Kuharic@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Rhea.Kuharic@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX <[Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca)>; Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX <[Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: Statistics on Education in BC

Hi Rhea,

I agree that a reply direct seems appropriate. Since it involves childcare I have cc'ed Jasleen and Cherie here for their info and any changes to the direction as well.

Cheers,  
Edena

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**From:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 10:55 AM  
**To:** Minister, MCF MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: URGENT: Statistics on Education in BC

Hi Edena,

Is it ok to send thru for reply direct?

Thanks for your help.

Rhea

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**From:** EDUC Correspondence EDUC:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 10:30 AM  
**To:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: Statistics on Education in BC

A separate response would be great as I will be sending this down to the Division to send a direct reply.

Thanks very much,

Ally

Ally Lee | Writing Services and Documents Coordinator  
Deputy Minister's Office | Ministry of Education

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**From:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 10:21 AM  
**To:** EDUC Correspondence EDUC:EX  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: Statistics on Education in BC

Hi Ally,

Sure thing. Should we provide bullets to help with a combined response? Or, would you like MCFD to respond separately?

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**From:** EDUC Correspondence EDUC:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 9:28 AM  
**To:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
**Cc:** EDUC Correspondence EDUC:EX  
**Subject:** FW: URGENT: Statistics on Education in BC  
**Importance:** High

Hi Rhea,

Can you please advise if MCFD can send a response to the child care parts of the below email?

Thanks,  
Ally

Ally Lee | Writing Services and Documents Coordinator  
Deputy Minister's Office | Ministry of Education

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**From:** VTRAC Robotics Admin [<mailto:admin@vtracrobotics.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 7:29 AM  
**To:** EDUC Correspondence EDUC:EX  
**Subject:** URGENT: Statistics on Education in BC  
**Importance:** High

Dear Colleague at British Columbia Ministry of Education,

I hope all is well.

My name is Liza and I am the Administrative and Marketing Assistant at VTRAC Robotics. We are currently working on a project to build products for education and looking for statistics regarding education in Canada. The following is a breakdown of the information I need:

- Number of child-care services, kindergartens, elementary schools (grades 1-6), middle schools (grades 7-9), high schools (grades 10-12), colleges, and universities for both public and private schools in each province in BC
- Number of children enrolled in child-care services, kindergartens, students in elementary schools (grades 1-6), middle schools (grades 7-9), high schools (grades 10-12), colleges, and universities for both public and private schools in each province in BC

I am working on a tight deadline for this research. Could you please kindly provide me with the above information or forward this email to the appropriate person.

Thank you so much for your cooperation and support.

All the best,  
Liza

Liza Wan, Administrative and Marketing Assistant  
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## Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 3:46 PM  
**To:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Visit to s.22

Thank you for looking into it Krista, appreciate it!

Best,  
Jasleen

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**From:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 3:46 PM  
**To:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Visit to s.22

Hi Jasleen

Unfortunately, ADM Massey doesn't have much to provide, see below:

*I don't have much to offer here. She is asking for a new type of child care license (a health issue) and funding for it (our issue). I think the best we can say at this point is:*

- *This proposal is an interesting idea*
- *Recommend that she formally submit her proposal to the Minister of Health as well as the Minister for Children and Family Development and the Minister of State for Child Care.*

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 10:44 AM  
**To:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Visit to s.22

Hi Krista,

Thanks for taking out a moment to chat today!

Would it be possible to get a few points for Minister Heyman for tomorrow?

A huge thank you in advance.

Best,  
Jasleen

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**From:** Komnenic, Nadja [<mailto:Nadja.Komnenic@leg.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 10:29 AM  
**To:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Visit to s.22

Dear Mr. Heyman,

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## Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 4:34 PM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: VIU Cowichan announcement with AEST

Spoke with Brendan, dates may not work out on the other end. I'll speak with him soon and can keep you posted.

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 3:44 PM  
**To:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Re: VIU Cowichan announcement with AEST

This is workforce related I believe- please check and it may be a good one to schedule between May 4 and 17

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 26, 2018, at 3:43 PM, Sharma, Niki MCF:EX <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX" <[Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 26, 2018 at 3:32:50 PM PDT  
**To:** "Gunn, Paula MCF:EX" <[Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca)>, "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>, "White, Emily MCF:EX" <[Emily.White@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Emily.White@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX" <[Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca)>, "Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX" <[Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: VIU Cowichan announcement with AEST

Hi Niki – do you have any updates on this? Would you like the minister to be part of this event or are you happy for AEST to go ahead without the minister?

Let me know and I can work with them to find a date.

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**From:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 10:39 AM  
**To:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX <[Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca)>; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>; White, Emily MCF:EX <[Emily.White@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Emily.White@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX <[Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca)>; Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX <[Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: VIU Cowichan announcement with AEST

Will leave this one to Niki.

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**From:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 10:18 AM  
**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX; Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** VIU Cowichan announcement with AEST

Hi both,

I let AEST know that Minister Chen was no longer able to make the event at VIU Cowichan on May 22. They've asked if the Minister might be interested in attending if they reschedule the date.

Is there any interest in having one/both ministers there? Are there any dates around the 22 that might work?

Thank you,

Brendan

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## Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 4:39 PM  
**To:** Scott, Samantha LASS:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Whip's office - Transition

Yaaaaaaaaaasssssss!!

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**From:** Scott, Samantha [<mailto:Samantha.Scott@leg.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 3:55 PM  
**To:** LP Ministerial Assistants  
**Subject:** Whip's office - Transition

Hi folks,

Starting Monday I will be in the AG's office, and this email will no longer be active, please send all correspondence regarding the whip's office to Angela Giuliano - [Angela.Giuliano@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Angela.Giuliano@leg.bc.ca)

Please also send Bill Notes and Q&A to her for distribution.

Thanks,

**Samantha Scott** | Whip & Deputy Whip's Assistant | New Democrat BC Government Caucus  
**T:** 250-387-1083 | **F:** 250-387-4680  
[samantha.scott@leg.bc.ca](mailto:samantha.scott@leg.bc.ca) | [www.bcndpcaucus.ca](http://www.bcndpcaucus.ca)

**Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX**

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, April 27, 2018 9:21 AM  
**To:** Dhanota, Surjit LASS:EX  
**Subject:** Thank you!!!

Thank you so much to you and Satnam for the help yesterday. I really appreciate it.

I think Satnam was going to see if there was a remote, if not, maybe I can just get the model and we can order :)

Thank you again!!!

Sent from my iPhone

**Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX**

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**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 9:17 AM  
**To:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Tuesday Kiwasa

Hey Karen,

Just a heads up, for the Kiwasa event tomorrow from 8-9 am, Tricity news will be present.

Best,  
Jasleen

Sent from my iPhone



MDE MO



iMessage  
Fri, Mar 23, 4:29 PM

All hurry dory in FQ, but my  
work almost dead so use my  
personal if it need me.

SG

506-783-2341

Fri, Apr 6, 10:11 AM

A heads up, MDE was meant to  
be in the constit office today,  
Dulcy let me know yesterday  
that he wouldn't be in. In the  
case you're trying to reach him.

Fri, Apr 6, 11:30 AM

Do we have the SN for the intro  
of international commercial  
arbitration on Monday?



iMessage







Tanera



Tanera



iMessage  
Fri, Apr 6, 3:49 PM



iMessage





(250) 634-4966

Text Message  
Fri, Apr 27, 4:21 PM

Hi Jasleen, my sincere  
apologies. I went by your  
office and there was no one  
there. What time do you get  
into the office on Wednesday  
morning? I have an 8:30 call,  
but could come by before 8 if  
that would work.

No problem! 9 or 9:30 is fine if  
that works for you?

If you're in early I don't mind  
coming in a bit early myself

Sun, Apr 29, 8:13 PM

I can be in by 8 if that works!

Hi Jasleen, sorry that would  
have worked, but I just



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(250) 634-4966

For sure, or I'll go down in a little bit and do it myself if that works for you

That's great!

All done :-)

Yay!! Thank you so much

Mon, May 7, 5:22 PM

Hey Jasleen, when you open up any of the office applications are you still prompted to activate the software? If so did you try entering in your email address? I just checked and the BIAO folks that make sure you have a license received the ticket with "Office 365 License Applied". If you have a minute you can give me a call (250) 634-2302 and we can maybe see what's going on.



Text Message





(250) 634-4966

I can be in by 8 if that works!

Hi Jasleen, sorry that would have worked, but I just checked my **Sun, Apr 29, 10:14 PM** and noticed that I have a for Appointment at 8:00, so I'll have to get to you when I go setup Tim at 8:00.

no problem at all!

Mon, Apr 30, 2:05 PM

Hey, let me know when you're available for a call and I'll walk you through adding the machine.

Will do! Likely 3, 3:30 if that's okay with you :)

For sure, or I'll go down in a bit. I'll send you a call if that



Text Message



From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: ["Lesli Boldt"; Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX](#)  
Subject: **s.12**  
Date: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 4:41:47 PM  
Attachments: **s.12**

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Hello Lesli,  
s.12

Thanks  
Niki

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: **s.22**  
Subject: Connecting  
Date: Monday, April 23, 2018 1:52:04 PM

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Hi s.22

I wonder if you may have time to connect over the phone for an update?

Please let me know what time works for you this week.

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

**The Hon. Katrina Chen**

Minister of State for Child Care

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**To:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX; Viaud, Chantille PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Correspondence  
**Date:** Monday, April 9, 2018 1:08:22 PM

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Cherie,

I am virtually introducing you to Chantille! Chantille is going to helping us with processing correspondence. We need to connect her with the shared correspondence file in our inbox and would also like access to Cliff.

Thanks

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

**The Hon. Katrina Chen**

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**To:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Draft May calendar  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:16:48 PM  
**Attachments:** Draft May Calendar.docx

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Hey!

My first shot at pulling it all together. Let me know if you think I am missing something.

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

**The Hon. Katrina Chen**

Minister of State for Child Care

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX](#); [Gunn, Paula MCF:EX](#); [Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX](#); [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Draft May Schedule  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:14:10 PM  
**Attachments:** [Draft May Calendar.docx](#)

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Hello All,

Here is my first attempt at pulling it all together for May. Please let me know if I have missed anything. I am hoping we can share it with the group on our Friday meeting.

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

**The Hon. Katrina Chen**

Minister of State for Child Care

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From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
Cc: [White, Emily MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Follow-up from Call  
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 11:00:13 AM

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Hi Christine,

A couple of follow-up items from the call yesterday:

- 1) s.22 – it sounds like she is a multi-age provider. She had the question about CCOF not covering parents taking care of their own children. We asked her how many women she thinks are included in this. Maybe she could work with Tracie under the Multi-age association to gather the data on this?
- 2) s.22 – she had a question about licensing of Group Care in a residential environment and why we classified it the way we did.
- 3) s.22 – He wanted clarification on section 4.3 of the contract and how we are taking into account fee increases in our policy

Did I miss any?

I believe Emily has all of their contact information for staff to follow-up.

Thanks

Sincerely,

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*Ministerial Assistant to*

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From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Follow-up  
Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:31:41 AM

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Hi Christine,

A couple of follow-up items from our engagement calls over the past few days:

- 1) s.22 The just opened up a new centre and the Board is deciding whether to opt-in. They had to have a different license for the new centre, so wanted to know the process for opting in for new centres. Please follow-up with her s.22 s.22
- 2) The other day we met with a parent of twins. She wanted to know if the benefit will have any consideration for parents with twins. She mentioned that parents of twins do not plan to have more than one child at a time and often have to go into debt during early years. She mentioned that she would have a total of 40,000 debt by time her twins are 5, and her family is above the 111k cut off.

Thanks

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From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
Cc: [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: FW: 365888 Daycare Providers Simply Increase Prices to Capture Childcare Subsidy  
Date: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 5:15:47 PM

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Reply direct please

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From: s.22

Sent: Friday, March 2, 2018 11:01 AM

To: Horgan.MLA, John LASS:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, MCF MCF:EX

Cc: Bond.MLA, Shirley LASS:EX; Redies.MLA, Tracy LASS:EX; Larson.MLA, Linda LASS:EX

Subject: 365888 Daycare Providers Simply Increase Prices to Capture Childcare Subsidy

Dear John Horgan,

Although I appreciate the sentiment behind daycare subsidies, it seems it will not have much of an effect on my daycare fees.

My current daycare and several of the other daycare providers in the s.22

riding have simply increased daycare fees to capture a large portion of the subsidy intended to improve the standard of living for hard working families.

I have recently received notice that my daycare service will be increased by 4.5% for ages 3 - 5 year olds and an incredible 9% for children in the 0-36 month age group.

With monthly daycare fees for both groups being ~ \$1000, you can see that \$45 of the \$100 subsidy and \$90 of the \$350 subsidy simply flows into the pockets of the daycare. That adds up to \$540/ \$1080 per child a year that is simply being captured by the daycare.

My daycare fees were increased last fall and if my daycare then increases fees again this fall the entire subsidy will be consumed by the daycare provider. As a consumer, I have no protection from additional rate increases in the future.

When I inquired about the fee increase, the response was that the daycare providers in the area have met to "opt in" and increase prices. I am concerned that there may be some sort of price fixing agreement made between daycare providers causing prices to become artificially high.

I understand that inflation is important for business to plan for, but the Total CPI as reported by the Bank of Canada is 1.7% The addition of this daycare fee again within 12 months is several times the inflation rate in Canada.

Could you please look into and help me understand what this "opt in" agreement is about and reconsider the rules for the daycare subsidy and daycare fee increases as it is just causing hyper inflation in the daycare industry resulting in hard working families being worse off.

Thank you,

s.22



From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#); [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: FW: A fax has arrived from remote ID s.22  
Date: Thursday, April 26, 2018 9:51:56 AM  
Attachments: 00006A45.PDF

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Reply direct. She may also have submitted a reconsideration request?

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-----Original Message-----

From: Chen.MLA, Katrina [<mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:48 AM  
To: CC Minister MCF:EX  
Cc: Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
Subject: FW: A fax has arrived from remote ID s.22

-----Original Message-----

From: RightFax E-Mail Gateway  
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:41 AM  
To: Chen.MLA, Katrina <[Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
Subject: A fax has arrived from remote ID s.22

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Account: s.22  
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2018-04-25 10:38:39 AM Transmission Record Received from remote ID: s.22  
KCHEN.MLA, routing code s.22  
Result: (0/352;0/0) Success  
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From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: FW: Affordable Childcare Benefit Feedback  
Date: Monday, April 16, 2018 9:06:51 AM

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Reply direct please

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**From:** Chen.MLA, Katrina [mailto:[Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca)]

**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 8:58 AM

**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Affordable Childcare Benefit Feedback

**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018 2:53 PM

**To:** Chen.MLA, Katrina

**Cc:** Mark.MLA, Melanie ; [bcchildcarefeedback@gmail.com](mailto:bcchildcarefeedback@gmail.com)

**Subject:** Affordable Childcare Benefit Feedback

April 11, 2018

Dear Minister Chen,

The government's attention to childcare and the desire to improve the quality, availability and cost of childcare for all British Columbian families is imperative to the well-being of young children throughout the province. As with all new plans, receiving feedback is important to ensure that this new childcare plan is working for the families in B.C. . After reviewing the childcare plan developed for British Columbian families, there are some gaps I would like to highlight to provide further context to support a more fulsome plan.

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The new plan requires modifications in the following areas that impacts my family directly:

- 1) We will receive less assistance for paying the astronomical costs of childcare with the new plan
- 2) We will have less choice on what childcare options are available to use as a family (example: nannies are not covered even though this option may be the most cost-effective option)
- 3) We have no voice when it comes to whether or not daycare owners decide to apply for part of the benefit
- 4) The plan does not address the issue of the shortage of trained ECE's or that ECE's, who perform a very important role are undervalued and underpaid relative to the difficulty and importance of their job.

The new "Affordable Childcare Benefit" portion of the plan has a maximum family income of threshold of \$110,000. **This means that a large portion of middle class families will not be eligible to receive the benefit.** Parents of twins and higher order multiples s. 22 have a higher financial burden than those with one child in care yet many of us are not eligible. At \$110,000, which is basically two parents making a modest \$55,000 a year, one parent's salary after taxes and commuting costs goes almost completely to childcare if you have 2 children in an infant program. If you have triplets you'd be paying to go to work. Please reconsider how this program works for parents with multiple children in care. Families in British Columbia are already struggling as it is with high rental incomes and cost of living.

Many parents of multiples opt to hire a nanny instead of enrolling their children in daycare. This is due to the unavailability of finding a daycare that has two spots open at the same time and the high costs of daycare. This lack of choice impacts the careers of women who end up staying home as caregivers instead of working in their fields and contributing as working members of society.

Another issue of the new plan has put daycare owners and families in conflict due to the choice daycare owners have with opting in or out of the subsidy plan. As much as it hurts financially, we support our local daycares and understand the reservations they have as small business owners in signing a contract that limits the ways they can conduct their business in the future.

**Here are some recommendations that you can implement to affect real change to British Columbian families by revising the new Affordable Childcare Benefit to:**

1. Increase the maximum family income threshold of \$110,000 to \$175,000
2. Include hiring a nanny or other childcare helpers to receive a benefit just as daycare providers are able to apply for this benefit.
3. Give the childcare benefit directly to parents and instead support daycare businesses in other ways by offering grants to offset capital costs, ECE training and other business costs.

4. Allow daycare owners to receive a subsidy for their own children, provided they have other staff and take care of children besides their own. This will open up space in daycares and increase the options for childcare for everyone.

5. Provide financial support and resources for childcare providers to access ECE training. Options include a wage subsidy or other incentives to enroll in ECE programs. Working with infant and toddlers is such an important job, it is quite literally building our future, but wages do not reflect the importance of the role.

The first version of the Affordable Childcare Benefit plan is a step in the right direction. However, there is much more work to be done so that every dollar that is spent by the government is used most efficiently. The recommendations provided in this letter will ensure that the plan will support and help average middle class families like mine struggling to make a living and contribute to our communities. Thank you for your time and thank you for your hard work for the citizens of British Columbia.

s.22



**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: After school care opportunities/threats  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 8:43:23 AM

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Reply direct please

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Priya Singh [<mailto:priya@lakeviewchildcare.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 1:07 PM  
**To:** Chen.MLA, Katrina LASS:EX  
**Cc:** CC Minister MCF:EX  
**Subject:** After school care opportunities/threats

Honourable Minister Chen,

My name is Priya and I have contacted you and your team in the past regarding group childcare for children 3-5 years of age. Thank you for being open in this dialogue.

The building Lakeview Daycare & Montessori is housed in since 1991 is about to get torn down in 18-24 months. I've abandoned trying to find space as I've been doing that for 5 years and there's no parking or outdoor space in my budget.

I am invested in childcare and have found the need for after school care to be at times worse than early childhood care. In Vancouver, there is a current shortfall of 10,000 Spaces for children 5-12 years of age.

Research shows that without after school care, children in this age group can be exposed to inappropriate information online, dangers around a home, and have a lack of self esteem.

In your mandate, making life more affordable is a highlighted. I have a solution to this by using existing infrastructure to accelerate after school care spaces. I also see an opportunity to have strong, sustainable and innovative impact by empowering educators through an online platform. The platform is connecting parents to after school care providers while providing Science, Tech, Engineering, Art & Math (STEAM) programs.

I am excited to hear your thoughts on a solution to this invasive threat of lack of quality childcare in our city and cities across Canada.

Can someone on your team contact me- I'm ready to work together on a solution.

Priya Singh  
Manager  
Lakeview Childcare  
lakeviewchildcare.com

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Assistance with Daycare in VKI Riding  
**Date:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 10:58:33 AM  
**Attachments:** Tartine Letter.pdf

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**From:** Dix.MLA, Adrian [<mailto:Adrian.Dix.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 10:57 AM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** Assistance with Daycare in VKI Riding

Hello Nikki,

My apologies, for some reason this email did not go out back in March, and it's just been sitting in the outbox this whole time. As per our conversation, the daycare looking for assistance is Tartine & Chocolat. I've attached the letter that they sent to our office explaining their situation.

Their contact information is:

Maude Poirier

Member of Board of Directors

604-649-1509

[tartine\\_chocolat@csf.bc.ca](mailto:tartine_chocolat@csf.bc.ca)

If you need anything else, please let us know.

Best,

Sam

Samein Shamsher | Constituency Assistant | Adrian Dix, MLA Vancouver-Kingsway  
5022 Joyce St, Vancouver, BC V5R 4G6 | Phone: 604-660-0314 | Fax: 604-660-1131

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Attn: Paula Gunn - re: Meeting Request from BrightPath Early Learning Inc.  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 5:09:55 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)

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Hi Cherie,  
Did this one get scheduled?  
Sincerely,

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**From:** Leanna Karremans [<mailto:leanna@pathwaygroup.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 7:30 AM

**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX

**Subject:** Attn: Paula Gunn - re: Meeting Request from BrightPath Early Learning Inc.

Good morning Ms. Gunn,

My client BrightPath Early Learning Inc. would like to know if you are available for a quick call today or tomorrow to discuss opting into the new child-care fee reduction.

Please let me know if you are available to chat. Happy to accommodate any time that works best for your schedule. Thank you very much.

Regards,

Leanna

**Leanna Karremans, MPPAL**

**Director – Research, Policy and Communications**



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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: BCCCOA recommendations - 6 steps  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018 1:15:29 PM  
**Attachments:** [Six steps to resolve concerns.pdf](#)

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Hi Rhea,

Please prepare a reply direct to respond to this letter. I would like to review before it goes out.

Thanks

We may be meeting with them again so also?

Sincerely,

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**From:** BC Child Care Owners Association [mailto:[bcccoa@gmail.com](mailto:bcccoa@gmail.com)]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018 11:45 AM

**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, MCF MCF:EX; CC Minister MCF:EX

**Cc:** Throness, Laurie; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; Wilkinson.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; Massey, Christine MCF:EX; Barry, Jonathan MCF:EX

**Subject:** BCCCOA recommendations - 6 steps

It is commendable that the BC government is making child care an important platform for the next three years. BCCCOA is excited about the possibilities for child care with the current budget, and visions a diverse, inclusive, cohesive and high-quality child care system throughout the province. Rushing to implement the first stages of this plan occurred without consultation directly with the providers of child care in the province - causing divisive fractures within the child care field. In order to move forward, child care providers and the BC NDP must come together to collaboratively contribute to the creation of a made-in-BC plan.

The BCCCOA calls for the BC NDP to:

1. Immediately implement BCCCOA's proposed "Six Simple Steps" in order to resolve the concerns child care stakeholders province wide have raised in response to the 2018/2019 funding cycle CCOF and CCFRI contract.
2. Immediately begin a transparent, inclusive and proportionately representative consultation with child care providers in BC to collaboratively develop an implementation plan towards universal child care in BC.

Pamela Wallberg, ECE, Infant-Toddler, BFA, MA  
BC Child Care Owners Association  
Acting Chair

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: s.22  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 8:40:23 AM  
**Attachments:** April 2018 Newsletter.pdf

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Reply direct please

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 9:21 PM

**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX

**Cc:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; tips@globaltvbc.com

**Subject:** Fw: s.22

Hi Katrina,

“After waiting so many years for action on child care, we’re going to make sure parents can start saving immediately,”

My son’s daycare just decided NOT to opt in the new funding program and increase the daycare fee. What a shame!

s.22

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

s.22



From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
Cc: [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: FW: CCOF- PO 704751  
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 8:44:55 AM

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FYI - thank them for expressing their views?

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 4:30 PM  
To: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: FW: CCOF- PO 704751

Sincerely,

Cherie Wilson  
Administrative Assistant to  
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Minister of State for Child Care

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-----Original Message-----

From: [Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX](#)  
Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 4:20 PM  
To: [CC Minister MCF:EX](#)  
Cc: [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: FW: CCOF- PO 704751



Referral from the Premier's office. To MO for review and direction please. Thx.

-----Original Message-----

From: Huycke, Kayla PREM:EX  
Sent: Tuesday, April 3, 2018 12:48 PM  
To: Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX  
Subject: FW: CCOF- PO 704751

Pam,

For your review. Closing on our end.

Thanks!

Kayla

-----Original Message-----

From: s.22  
Sent: Sunday, April 1, 2018 7:02 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: CCOF

Hi, as a parent of a school age child that attends before and after school care I wish to voice my concerns.

I have a unique point of view of being on both sides of this child care crisis in BC. s.22

s.22 I know that there is an extreme shortage of child care workers at this point in time. As a Society we have placed ads offering \$24 per hour, and have received not ONE single applicant. We have a problem with staff burning out as there is no relief for them at all. We are going to have to close one of the programs at the society as there is no staff for it come September. This is unacceptable, there are going to be a large number of families that are going to be scrambling for care, and every single center is in the same boat with no staff. the before and after school care my son is in is also looking for staff and there is no one applying.

s.22

You really need to look at this with addressing the staffing of all the child care needs first, then when there is staff, put in the extra needed places and give a break in the fees.

I feel you have done this all completely backwards by putting in spaces but no one to work them.

Students and children are the most important asset we have, and their learning is suffering because of the strain on this system, it needs to be fixed and fixed now. We need bodies to work with our children, we need these children to be the future leaders and if we, as educators and parents, are unable to support and teach them, we are totally screwed in the future.

s.22

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: CFIB Correspondence - Childcare Initiative Concerns  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 4:41:29 PM  
**Attachments:** 04.04.2018 To Premier John Horgan - Childcare Initiative Concerns.pdf

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Hi Rhea,  
Clarifying our response to this one?  
Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

**The Hon. Katrina Chen**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 12:49 PM

**To:** Plecas.MLA, Darryl LASS:EX; de Jong.MLA, Mike LASS:EX; Gibson.MLA, Simon LASS:EX; Larson.MLA, Linda LASS:EX; Routledge.MLA, Janet LASS:EX; Kang.MLA, Anne LASS:EX; Chouhan.MLA, Raj LASS:EX; CC Minister MCF:EX; Oakes.MLA, Coralee LASS:EX; Barnett.MLA, Donna LASS:EX; Martin.MLA, John LASS:EX; Throness.MLA, Laurie LASS:EX; Clovechok.MLA, Doug LASS:EX; Isaacs.MLA, Joan LASS:EX; Minister, MAH MAH:EX; Leonard.MLA, Ronna-Rae LASS:EX; Furstenau.MLA, Sonia LASS:EX; Kahlon.MLA, Ravi LASS:EX; Paton.MLA, Ian LASS:EX; Dean.MLA, Mitzi LASS:EX; Tegart.MLA, Jackie LASS:EX; Milobar.MLA, Peter LASS:EX; Stone.MLA, Todd LASS:EX; Letnick.MLA, Norm LASS:EX; Thomson.MLA, Steve LASS:EX; Shypitka.MLA, Tom LASS:EX; Minister, MCF MCF:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Polak.MLA, Mary LASS:EX; Coleman.MLA, Rich LASS:EX; D'Eith.MLA, Bob LASS:EX; Minister, TAC TAC:EX; Minister, IRR IRR:EX; Krog.MLA, Leonard LASS:EX; Routley.MLA, Douglas G LASS:EX; Rustad.MLA, John LASS:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Minister, MH MH:EX; Rice.MLA, Jennifer LASS:EX; Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX; Ma.MLA, Bowinn LASS:EX; Thornthwaite.MLA, Jane LASS:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; Davies.MLA, Dan LASS:EX; Bernier.MLA, Mike LASS:EX; Ashton.MLA, Dan LASS:EX; Minister, PSSG PSSG:EX; Glumac.MLA, Rick LASS:EX; Simons.MLA, Nicholas LASS:EX; Morris.MLA, Mike LASS:EX; Bond.MLA, Shirley LASS:EX; Wat.MLA, Teresa LASS:EX; Reid.MLA, Linda LASS:EX; Johal.MLA, Jas LASS:EX; Yap.MLA, John LASS:EX; Olsen.MLA, Adam LASS:EX; Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX; Kylo.MLA, Greg LASS:EX; Ross.MLA, Ellis LASS:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Cadieux.MLA, Stephanie LASS:EX; Hunt.MLA, Marvin LASS:EX; Brar.MLA, Jagrup LASS:EX; Singh.MLA, Rachna LASS:EX; Begg.MLA, Garry LASS:EX; Minister, LBR LBR:EX; Minister, CITZ CITZ:EX; Minister, JTT JTT:EX; Redies.MLA, Tracy LASS:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Sullivan.MLA, Sam LASS:EX; Minister, TRD JTT:EX; Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX; Elmore.MLA, Mable LASS:EX; Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX; Lee.MLA, Michael LASS:EX; Minister, AEST AEST:EX; Minister, AG AG:EX; Wilkinson.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; Chandra Herbert.MLA, Spencer LASS:EX; Foster.MLA, Eric LASS:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EDUC EDUC:EX; Sultan.MLA, Ralph LASS:EX; Sturdy.MLA, Jordan LASS:EX; Stilwell.MLA, Michelle LASS:EX

**Subject:** CFIB Correspondence - Childcare Initiative Concerns

April 4, 2018

Dear MLA,

Please see attached correspondence from the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB)

Warm regards

*Sent on behalf of Samantha Howard - Director BC, NWT & YT*

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**Cc:** [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Child Care BC  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 11:06:26 AM  
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**From:** Chen.MLA, Katrina [mailto:[Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca)]

**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 9:45 AM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Child Care BC

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**From:** Kathleen McMillan [mailto:[cccentredirector@southridgefellowship.com](mailto:cccentredirector@southridgefellowship.com)]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 5:19 PM

**To:** Chen.MLA, Katrina <[Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Child Care BC

Dear Ms. Chen

On Wednesday, March 21st I attended a special Fraser Valley ECE Managers meeting at Peterson Road Elementary School in Langley to discuss the proposed Child Care BC's plan to offer a parent fee reduction program to childcare centres. Over 40 directors, managers and operators attended this meeting.

It was my understanding that MLAs from Langley and area were informed and invited. The only MLAs who attended were Laurie Throness and Stephanie Cadieux. I was discouraged by this, never the less, I gained insight into how to move forward as a grandparent, as an individual Early Childhood Educator, as a Childcare Centre Director and as a member of the FVECE managers group.

I have been in the ECE field for 30 years s.22

s.22

While I agree with the plans laid out in the document, *Child Care B.C. Caring for Kids, Lifting up Families: The Path to Universal Childcare*, I have serious concerns with the way the government presented the proposal, releasing information to parents via media before dialoguing with Child Care Centres. In essence, they appeared to be pitting parents against childcare providers to pressure them into Opting In without adequate time or support to

understand what was being proposed.

As well, I believe the whole issue of Child Care in BC is being addressed from a backwards and ineffective position.

Regarding the question of how Child Care in BC be organized and implemented I have the perspective of one who has been involved as an Early Childhood Educator s.22

s.22 The top priority should be ensuring there will be well-trained, fairly compensated educators to provide Child Care in BC. If this piece of the equation is in place there will be no shortage of affordable childcare spaces for families in BC. Let me explain my experience since starting and Directing SouthRidge Childcare Centre:  
s.22

The Centre we started 5 years ago gained an excellent reputation in the community and grew from the initial 16 3-5 year old licensed spaces to 25 3-5 year old and 24 infant toddler spaces. After experiencing a number of staff loses we currently operate only 16 of those 24 Infant Toddler spaces because we cannot find certified Infant Toddler educators to hire. I believe the reason for this is two-fold: there are not enough people entering the ECE field because wages are known to be low and trained ECE people leave the field because the wages are too low to provide a reasonable income.

The reason I believe this is that s.22  
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s.22 we are still not able to keep people in the field.  
Anecdotally, in the last 2 years I have attracted and subsequently lost 6 very good staff members who loved educating young children but left the field for jobs that offered better compensation:  
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Ms. Chen, I hear this same story over and over from my colleges all over the province. Until Early Childhood Educators are paid a better wage we will not be successful in recruiting and retaining quality individuals to the field, and without more educators and care givers we will not be able to increase childcare spaces to meet the growing need for affordable, accessible childcare in BC.

Thank you for your time in considering my letter. If there is any way I can be of service to you or others in government regarding Child Care in BC I would be please participate.

Sincerely,

*Kathleen McMillan*

Childcare Centre Director

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To: [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
Cc: [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: FW: Child Care Centre s.22  
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 8:42:53 AM

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 12:53 PM

**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX

**Cc:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Child Care Centre s.22

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 10:59 AM

**To:** Chen.MLA, Katrina

**Subject:** Child Care Centre s.22

Dear Katrina Chen,

I am seeking support and advice in regards to a childcare centre s.22

It is currently licensed for 47 children ages birth to school age.

We are located in a School District building- s.22

s.22 Our local school district has been hinting about selling this building for awhile and has just informed me that their will be a press release in the next couple days to this effect. They've told me they will give me first right of refusal for the property, I am in the process of gathering information to learn what this actually means.

I am curious about what the current governments mandate is on these public school board properties, especially those used for childcare?

Please let me know whom I should talk to about this matter? And who might be interested in this story?

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Child Care Costs BC- PO 704750  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 8:47:17 AM

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**From:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 4:30 PM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Child Care Costs BC- PO 704750  
Sincerely,

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**From:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 4:24 PM  
**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Child Care Costs BC- PO 704750  
Referral from the Premier's office for MOs review and direction please. Thx.

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**From:** Huycke, Kayla PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 12:40 PM  
**To:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Child Care Costs BC- PO 704750  
Hi Pam,  
Another for your review. We will be closing on our end.  
Thank you,  
Kayla

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**From:** Horgan.MLA, John [<mailto:John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 10:35 AM  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX



**Subject:** FW: Child Care Costs BC

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**From:** S.22

**Sent:** Friday, March 30, 2018 9:47 PM

**To:** Horgan.MLA, John <[John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** Krog.MLA, Leonard Eugene <[Leonard.Krog.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Leonard.Krog.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Child Care Costs BC

Dear Premier Horgan,

I want to applaud you on your recent step forward with childcare indicatives in BC. I think this is an amazing step forward in reducing childcare costs! S.22 I can attest for the high cost of having your children attend daycare. I wish this policy had included all daycare. I understand that within budget constraints, not everything is feasible to implement at once. I also know that the cost of daycare for younger children is also much higher. The issue that I am having with this move forward is that I now pay double what I paid when my children were under five. S.22

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Creating equality, means fair, equal access to resources for everyone. Perhaps the solution is not only lowering daycare fees, but also reviewing the way subsidy is implemented. I can only assume that once the \$10 dollar a day comes in, subsidy will be abolished, so maybe not the most practical, but something to consider when reviewing other resource services for British Columbians. I know you are committed to BC Families, and I commend you for that. This isn't news to you, I am sure, but the current rate of daycare is causing families, more importantly children, to live in poverty. A parent should never have to decide between shorting daycare, rent, the grocery bill, or cutting their children out of sports. Having parents working boosts the economy, having parents reliant on income assistance does not. Having children live in poverty does not.

Thank you, Premier Horgan, for your time.

Sincerely,  
s.22

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative – Application Review Results  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:09:13 PM  
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**From:** Brown, Edena MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:07 PM  
**To:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative – Application Review Results  
**Importance:** High

Hello All,

Last week I sent a message from MLA Simons office regarding a childcare facility with questions and they were not able to find someone to talk to.

MLA Simons just emailed me again to ask if anyone can please assist.

Can we get someone from the program area to call this provider?

Thanks,

Edena

Message from MLA Simons:

Hello Edena,

I bet things must be busy! Could you forward this to the right person to fix the problem described below? Thanks a lot.

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**From:** Brown, Edena MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 3:10 PM  
**To:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative – Application Review Results  
**Importance:** High

Hi Rhea and Niki,

MLA Simon's office has contacted me regarding a child care providers problems with connecting to the adjudicator. I gather she has tried calling numerous times but unfortunately has not gotten through and one call was on hold for 45 minutes and then the call ended as it was after business hours.

She is quite urgent to talk to someone.

Her contact info is below.

Thanks,  
Edena

**Edena Brown**

**Executive Assistant to Hon. Katrine Conroy**

*Minister of Children and Family Development and Minister Responsible for CBT, CPC and CRT*

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**From:** Hathaway, Maggie [<mailto:Maggie.Hathaway@leg.bc.ca>]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 3:05 PM

**To:** Brown, Edena MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative – Application Review Results

Here you go. Thanks for your help.

**Maggie Hathaway** | Constituency Assistant | Nicholas Simons, MLA for Powell River - Sunshine Coast

604-485-1249 #109 – 4675 Marine Avenue, Powell River, B.C. V8A 2L2



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**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 8:39:45 AM

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Reply Direct please (if this is a provider that hasn't opted in – can we phone?)

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**From:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 10:56 AM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
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**From:** Minister, MCF MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 10:55 AM  
**To:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative  
Hey Cherie,

Looks like she meant to send it to yours as it's addressed to MSKC

Thanks

Kaitlin☺

**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Monday, April 2, 2018 12:12 PM

**To:** [Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Minister@gov.bc.ca)

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**Subject:** Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative

Dear Minister Chen,  
Re; Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative  
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s.22 I have been providing quality child care s.22 and provide a very valuable service to the community. I am hugely in favour of fee reduction for the parents and families of my community and across BC. The reason I am writing this letter are my many concerns with the roll out of the new child care fee reduction plan for parents and how it negatively impacts me and other family child care providers.

1. I am expected to determine how much each family in my child care is qualified to receive. The daycare already produces a fair bit of paperwork. I am not looking for more. I would rather spend my extra time (evenings) planning and prepping for the children's next day.
2. I am not allowed to increase childcare costs to the families without consulting the government and (hopefully) receiving their approval. s.22  
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3. If we opt in we are not allowed to take more than 4 weeks of planned time off. This includes, in my case, 4 sick days and 2 professional days. So in effect, the government is allowing me to take 3 weeks vacation. s.22  
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s.22 My vacation is unpaid. The parents do not pay me when I take time for a vacation so I don't know why the government feels the need to control my amount of time off. Every January the families receive a letter from me stating the times the daycare will be closed. They have the option of taking their vacation at the same time (which saves them money) or finding alternate care (usually relatives) while I am away.
4. I also feel the government wants to do away with family child care. I certainly hope this is not the case. I read somewhere that family childcare provides the bulk of the childcare spaces in BC. They also provide infant/toddler spaces at minimal cost to parents. The cost to operate an Infant/Toddler centre is immense because of the low adult/child ratio. Every FCC can support at least one infant and depending on the license (family or in-home multi-age) several toddlers. There are two more reasons family child care needs to remain. One, they offer parents a choice in the type of child care they want for their child. Not every child does well in a large setting. I have had so many families over the years that did NOT want their child in a large setting. They wanted a smaller, cozier environment with more one-on-one for their child. And the second reason many parents prefer family child cares is if they have two or more children crossing different age groups. In family child care a family can have their baby and their preschooler in the same place. And who doesn't want that for their children. s.22 And there is a third reason - a baby can be with the same caregiver until he/she leaves care. s.22  
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s.22 These types of bonds are special to family child care. Don't you dare take this away. Group centres cannot supply this.

5. Another huge concern is the lack of qualified providers. I work 5 (long) days a week. I cannot find a qualified ECE substitute. I see burnout on the horizon. And I am guessing

many other providers feel the same way. The child care initiative has not addressed this BIG problem. The lack of qualified caregivers which leads to not enough spaces for our province's children. And of course, who would want to be a childcare provider when the income is low, their wages are capped (by the government) and the government dictates how much time off they can take. s.22

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Many

single people (women) cannot afford to provide childcare. It does not provide a living wage.

I have worked hard to design and build a wonderful facility for children and parents. s.22

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s.22

I have assumed responsibilities and liabilities that the government has not helped with or been involved with. The government did not have a hand in building my business and I do not feel they have the right to determine what I earn and how much vacation time I should have.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns and I hope some changes can come from what should be a good plan for the people (children, parents AND caregivers) of BC.

Kind regards,

s.22



**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: CHILD CARE FEE REDUCTION INITIATIVE-PO 704715  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 8:46:31 AM

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**From:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 4:30 PM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: CHILD CARE FEE REDUCTION INITIATIVE-PO 704715  
Sincerely,

**Cherie Wilson**

*Administrative Assistant to*

**The Hon. Katrina Chen**

Minister of State for Child Care

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**From:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 4:22 PM  
**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: CHILD CARE FEE REDUCTION INITIATIVE-PO 704715  
Referral from the Premier's office. For MOs review and direction please. Thx

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**From:** Huycke, Kayla PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 12:45 PM  
**To:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: CHILD CARE FEE REDUCTION INITIATIVE-PO 704715

Hello,

For your review.

Thanks!

Kayla

**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Monday, April 2, 2018 10:03 AM

**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

**Subject:** CHILD CARE FEE REDUCTION INITIATIVE

Dear Honourable Mr. Horgan,

I am a licensed family child care provider s.22 I am writing to inform you of the sleeping giant that you have awoken, called CHILD CARE PROVIDERS of BC. We are at the centre of a storm brewing over the new NDP Budget. We believe your government has created a very difficult and disturbing situation for providers. In your much needed attempt to help families with day care cost funding, you have further burdened an already over burdened system. Providers work long hours with little return. We are the back bone of our society, yet we were never consulted when your new budget was being decided. *You have made us the middle man between your government and families needing financial assistance with child care costs. We, as providers, do not want the job of going after a portion of our already minimal financial support from your government, while decreasing our rates to families.* I ask you to re-read the last two sentences, and let that sink in. Being a family child care provider, I would have never expected that I would be the one to do the government's job in providing financial assistance to my day care families as being the middle man. I am an Early Childhood Educator, a profession that is clearly undermined and has been for decades.

We also do not want your government telling us we can not raise our already low rates in exchange for a ridiculous 10% CCOF (Child Care Operating Funding) increase. We, as providers, are already underpaid and over worked. Your government plans to increase child care spaces in the future, but the business of child care is not providing a living wage to its hard working mostly female work force. I refuse to have your government meddle in my entrepreneurship as a small business owner. The plan is flawed, is rushed, and the consultation process did not include all BC providers. Each provider's business, be it non-profit or profit (which you should know that ECE's do not pursue this profession to make money, I pay myself and pay a portion of my family bills), is unique. As my FCC is part time care only, my families who attend on Monday/Wednesday/Friday would only receive \$18 in fee reduction monthly, and the families who attend on Tuesday/Thursday would only receive a \$12 fee reduction per month. As it is, I am also not renewing the Child Care Operating Funding contract this year. I am in favour of the reduction of child care fees by the government, but this would have been better suited and more appreciated directly into the hands of families.

Mr. Horgan, you need to be aware that the providers are networking and discussing behind the scenes, and have been since the roll out of this chaotic plan started a month ago. We are united across the province, and although many providers are choosing to opt in, there is a growing level of providers who do not wish to be bullied into this program. The lack of timely and accurate information, and the time provided for making a decision that can ultimately affect mine and other providers future to be a government pawn, does not sit well with us. I have not touched on all of the issues we are experiencing in this brief email, but I wanted to wake you and your government up to what is to come. Please take the time to educate yourself on all facets of this situation or you could risk this initiative becoming a major failure for your government instead of making positive improvements to this important component for BC families.

s.22



**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Child Care Fee Reduction  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 9:16:34 AM  
**Attachments:** [press\\_release.pdf](#)

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Hi Rhea,

FYI - This writer has added to her inquiry. I know that staff have responded and been meeting with BCCOA.

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

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Minister of State for Child Care

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**From:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX

**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 1:36 PM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Child Care Fee Reduction

Sincerely,

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**From:** Cari - Wind and Tide [<mailto:cari@windandtide.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 8:16 PM

**To:** Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; Furstenau.MLA, Sonia LASS:EX; Olsen.MLA, Adam LASS:EX

**Cc:** Wilkinson.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, MCF MCF:EX; CC Minister MCF:EX

**Subject:** Child Care Fee Reduction

Honourable Weaver, Honourable Furstenau and Honourable Olsen;

I am the CEO of one of the largest Early Childhood Companies in British Columbia, representing almost 900 licensed spaces from Vancouver to Chilliwack. I am forwarding you an email I sent to Minister Chen last week. An email that I have yet to receive a response from. In the meantime, contracts were issued late, with errors, to thousands of very frustrated and confused child care directors. The following table was included:



Only to be addressed in a non-legally-binding “FAQ” document several days later:



Private child care providers make up more than 60% of this provinces child care spaces. I have been meeting with these providers over the last week who are feeling bullied and pressured into signing these contracts. Contracts with errors (Section 13.4 does not exist, and is referenced), with no time for legal counsel, and with high-pressure “advocacy” groups belittling their questions and concerns both publicly and privately. Business owners fear they are turning over decades of their hard work and effort over to the NDP government. Many are refusing to sign and facing backlash from parents. Parents who learned of the initiative in the media, before child care owners were consulted, informed or given any instruction. I’ve also attached a press release that went out from the BC Child Care Owners Association earlier this week that expresses additional serious concerns with this initiative.

This is not ok. This is millions of dollars of provincial and federal funds, and millions of dollars for businesses that feel they are now at risk.

The NDP government is desperate to save face and they are making rash decisions to try to deliver “promises” that will garner them votes. This can not be the path.

I urge you to please consider a non-confidence motion. They've forgotten their promises to you and your party, they are putting businesses at risk and the majority of child care spaces at risk in the process. This can not continue.

Kind regards,

**cariShorrock**

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From: Cari - Wind and Tide <[cari@windandtide.com](mailto:cari@windandtide.com)>

Date: Thu, Mar 15, 2018 at 9:59 AM

Subject: Child Care Fee Reduction

To: <[katrina.chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:katrina.chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>

Dear Minister Chen;

I am the CEO of one of the largest Early Childhood Companies in British Columbia. Wind & Tide has over 35 centres across the Lower Mainland, employs over 160 staff and enrolls over 2000 children annually. I write this letter to express concern for what I see happening amongst ECE providers in BC in the aftermath of the Budget 2018. I also write this with a willingness to be a part of a solution. Like you, Wind & Tide sees the need for affordable access to quality child care.

With the new Child Care Fee Reduction (CCFR) initiative rolling out this month, I'm sure you are being bombarded with concerns and questions. As a well-established, multi-centre private child care company, we are excited for this initiative and what it means for families, as well as the additional planned initiatives. We feel confident we can implement it in a manner consistent with the intended goal. My concerns centre on the reactions of other child care centres and programs, and the impact that their decisions are going to have on the goals of province and the universal child care initiative. I am hopeful that these reactions can be mitigated, but feel that there is much work to be done to address the causation of these reactions and build inclusivity towards the important goal of affordable, quality child care for all.

Wind & Tide originated as a private home-based preschool in 1987. Our owner is an Elementary School teacher who saw the need for early learning and moved into child care as a result. Like most small child care companies, Wind & Tide's mandate aimed at service rather than profit. As the years progressed, Wind & Tide expanded to meet the needs of families in surrounding areas. We expanded by using any remaining yearly profits. We pour our resources into our staff, and our families, striving to offer as much as we can to the teachers at a cost that is reasonable for parents. This includes comparable unionized wage, benefits, extensive professional development and unique support systems. While we wholeheartedly agree that steps need to be taken to reduce fees for families, and increase ECE wages, our experiences clearly indicate there are many other factors contributing that will not benefit from simply implementing funding programs.

Though we now have more centres than most, my experience with other private child care providers demonstrates a similar operational style to our own. Yes, there are a few centres that appear to be monetarily focused, but the majority of us have been pouring our own resources, time, creativity and efforts into supporting young families. Some of us have been doing this for decades, without additional funding or back-up support. I am saddened by the growing contingent of private centres feeling threatened and frustrated by this initiative. Instead of feeling encouraged to open more spaces for

children (as indicated as the government's intent), they are considering opting out of the CCFR plan or shutting their doors all together. This serves no one well. I am sure you have heard many of the concerns, but I will outline some of the key ones here.

- ;✕ Embedded inequality and lack of insight in the implementation process
- ;✕ Timeline of payments
- ;✕ Restrictions on tuition increases
- ;✕ Lack of attention to the unique concerns of varying locations and communities
- ;✕ MSP payroll tax
- ;✕ Long term plans
- ;✕ Financial risk
- ;✕ Pay raises to properly compensate our educators
- ;✕ Incentive for more early childhood educators to enter the field.

Private centres are currently feeling undervalued in the conversation. There is a tremendous amount of collective wisdom out there with private owners. This is not about profit. Most private centres operate on a net zero. They pour in their own money when it is needed, at tremendous financial risk. The ones that are making profits and royalties are in the minority and make it very hard for those that are not to be considered valuable to the "cause."

Affordable, quality early childhood care and programs is what we are all seeking. The process thus far, however, has caused a great deal of distrust amongst the ECE community. I believe there is much to be gained by supporting, valuing and hearing the wisdom of both 'private' and 'not for profit' ECE centers and programs. We are all in this together, and without that unity, the focus is lost from the bigger picture. I know change takes time. I know you cannot please all the people all the time. I remain optimistic there is a way to bring affordable child care to all BC families. I encourage you to consider the expansion of your council to include a broader array of providers, and assess means of communication and inclusion of more providers. Currently, ECEBC only represents a small, albeit vocal minority of the field. If I can offer any suggestions from the perspective of an Early Childhood company who has been serving Lower Mainland families for over three decades, I would be happy to talk further.

Kind regards,

**cariShorrock**

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Chen, Katrina MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Child care providers in Maple Ridge  
**Date:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 11:19:30 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.gif](#)  
[image002.gif](#)  
[image003.jpg](#)

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Should we set up a meeting with them?  
I believe that staff have spoken to most of them  
Sincerely,  
**Niki Sharma**

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**From:** D'Eith.MLA, Bob [<mailto:Bob.Deith.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 4:48 PM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Child care providers in Maple Ridge

Hi Niki,

I wanted to check in and see if there was anything else you needed from us with regards to the providers in our riding.

I heard Katrina might be interested in speaking with them. Please let me know if there is anything our office can do to help.

Thanks for all of your help.

All the best,

Sophia

**Sophia Kreuzkamp** | Constituency Assistant | Bob D'Eith, MLA Maple Ridge-Mission

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**From:** D'Eith.MLA, Bob  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 4:52 PM  
**To:** 'Sharma, Niki MCF:EX'  
**Subject:** RE: Child care providers in Maple Ridge

That's great thank you.

The three that met with us had a follow up article done in the Maple Ridge News this afternoon. <https://www.mapleridgenews.com/news/private-daycare-operators-in-maple-ridge-opt-out-of-government-plan/>



These were the first articles before we met with the daycare providers last week.

<https://www.mapleridgenews.com/news/private-daycare-operators-fear-governments-plan/>

<https://globalnews.ca/news/4112702/concerns-from-private-child-care-providers-future-b-c-plans-wont-include-them/>

Staff will probably have a good idea of what to expect on the calls if they read these articles.

On another child care note, we recently received correspondence from a constituent stating that his child care provider has said they are being forced to increase fees because of the childcare subsidy, at least that is what constituent is saying.

Let me know if you need anything else from us.

Thanks for all of your help!

All the best,

**Sophia Kreuzkamp** | Constituency Assistant | Bob D'Eith, MLA Maple Ridge-Mission

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX [<mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca>]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 4:40 PM

**To:** D'Eith.MLA, Bob <[Bob.Deith.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Bob.Deith.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Re: Child care providers in Maple Ridge

Report from staff:

Just fyi – I spoke to one this of these providers this morning and am setting up calls with the other two.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2018, at 4:37 PM, D'Eith.MLA, Bob <[Bob.Deith.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Bob.Deith.MLA@leg.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Niki,

I just wanted to follow up and see if these constituents had received a call from Ministry staff yet.

Hope you are doing well.

All the best,

Sophia

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**From:** D'Eith.MLA, Bob

**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 5:46 PM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Child care providers in Maple Ridge

Hi Niki,

Today Bob and I met with some childcare providers from our riding who shared

their questions around the new child care initiative with us. We provided as much information and answers as we could, but many of the questions were more in-depth than we were able to speak to.

Below are some of the questions they have. One provider, s.22

s.22 also wrote a letter which we were CC'd on to the Ministry, which I have forwarded here. I hope you can have someone in the Ministry get back to them about their questions and clarifications around opting in.

;P Why are private daycares not able to access/be granted capital funding anymore? The providers said that it is only being given to non-profits now.

;P How can fees be increased to match non-profits and the wages they will pay staff once they opt in?

;P Questions around how the government is going to work with private facilities as they move to universal childcare.

;P Questions around if they opt in and then decide to opt out in the future. What would happen?

The providers we met with today were

s.22

Let me know if you need any more information. I'm happy to chat. You can reach me on my cell over the weekend at s.22

Kind regards,

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 3:36 PM

**To:** Minister, CC C MCF:EX <[CC.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:CC.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** D'Eith.MLA, Bob <[Bob.Deith.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Bob.Deith.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>; Beare.MLA, Lisa

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Adam <[Adam.Olsen.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Adam.Olsen.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>; [andrew.wilkinson.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:andrew.wilkinson.MLA@leg.bc.ca)

**Subject:** Letter to Minister to Chen

Please see attachment.

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Child Care Subsidy Accessibility (Individual and Policy Request)  
**Date:** Monday, April 9, 2018 4:28:39 PM

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Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 28, 2018 10:56 AM  
**To:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Child Care Subsidy Accessibility (Individual and Policy Request)

Minister Reply please on how our plan will help s.22

Thanks

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2018 10:56 PM  
**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Child Care Subsidy Accessibility (Individual and Policy Request)

Dear Katrina Chen and Niki Sharma,

Congratulations on your plan for building a universal public child care system. I am pleased that you are making bold steps to change a broken system, while providing immediate relief to many parents who need the support.

s.22



**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Childcare Fee Reduction Program needs work- PO 705042  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 9:39:14 AM  
**Attachments:** [CCOF letter.docx](#)

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FYI – we also received this email.

I believe reply direct in the works.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX

**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 8:59 AM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Childcare Fee Reduction Program needs work- PO 705042

Sincerely,

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**From:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX

**Sent:** Friday, April 6, 2018 5:02 PM

**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX

**Cc:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Childcare Fee Reduction Program needs work- PO 705042

Please see attached, referral from the PO, for MOs review and direction. Thx.

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**From:** Huycke, Kayla PREM:EX

**Sent:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 11:24 AM

**To:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Childcare Fee Reduction Program needs work- PO 705042

Hi Pam,

Forwarding for your review just in case you didn't already receive this one.

Thank you,

Kayla

From: s.22

**Sent:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 10:14 AM

**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

**Subject:** Fwd: Childcare Fee Reduction Program needs work

Forwarding my message to this email address as I am not a constituent of Premier Horgan's. Please see below. THx.

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From: s.22

Date: Thu, Apr 5, 2018 at 10:07 AM

Subject: Childcare Fee Reduction Program needs work

To: [contact@bcndp.ca](mailto:contact@bcndp.ca), [john.horgan.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:john.horgan.mla@leg.bc.ca), [lane.popham.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:lane.popham.mla@leg.bc.ca), [cc.minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:cc.minister@gov.bc.ca), [katrina.chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:katrina.chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca)

Dear Premier John Horgan, Minister Lana Popham and Minister Katrina Chen,  
First of all, I would like to commend the BC Government for tackling the issue of childcare. It is truly unaffordable and incredibly difficult to find care. s.22  
s.22

I was excited to hear about the new childcare fee reduction program when it was announced. According to news releases, we could see a savings of up to \$450/month, which is substantial for us. The only problem is that our day care provider s.22 has decided NOT to opt it. As you can imagine, this is devastating for us. Please see attached letter from our day care provider explaining her reasons.

As you can see, our day care provider feels the government has failed to consult with childcare professionals and has not done an adequate job explaining these benefits to their small businesses. She also finds the contract difficult to interpret (I know government contracts need legal jargon, but couldn't a "layman's terms" interpretation have been included as a side bar to this document to help daycare providers interpret it?).

I understand the government is reporting an 85% opt-in rate, but according to the Childcare in Greater Victoria Facebook group (with approx. 10,000 members) it's not unusual for day care centres to be passing on this program (or at least saying they are waiting for more information). I want to know what the government is doing to better explain this program to providers to ensure a higher opt-in rate. I know the deadline has been extended 1 month; so what is the government doing during this period to ensure providers feel comfortable opting-in to this program?

It is not fair that families like mine are being penalized... we are not receiving any benefit simply because our children happen to go to a day care that isn't opting-in. Why is the fee reduction going directly to day care providers? Why can't families receive rebates directly (after proving day care costs via receipts)? I don't understand why the government has given the day care providers control of this funding. Who's to say that providers aren't going to jack-up their rates just before opting-in? (I know this is happening to a friend of mine – so instead of seeing \$300 worth of savings, she's only seeing \$125). If our provider decides to opt-in, I wouldn't be surprised if she increases her rates substantially before doing so.

Furthermore, we have no options to move our children to another day care. The waiting lists for 1 child (let alone 2) are months long, sometimes years long. We are stuck staying with our provider – paying \$1,950 a month - because we have nowhere else to go.

The model the government has chosen to distribute this substantial investment to childcare in BC is flawed. It's not going directly to the families that need it most.

s.22

s.22

unfortunately my support for your government is dwindling: this childcare funding model... the approval of Site-C... the tax breaks for LNG... The NDP cannot afford to lose voters – but I can tell you right now,

I'm leaning towards the Green Party for next election unless this government starts to get some things right. I am keeping the faith for now.

We're looking forward to hearing back from you. I am hopeful the government is realizing there is more work to do on this childcare fee reduction program.

Sincerely,

s.22



**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Childcare Funding Initiative  
**Date:** Monday, April 16, 2018 9:07:38 AM  
**Attachments:** [Government Fee Reduction.docx](#)

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Reply direct please

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

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**From:** Chen.MLA, Katrina [mailto:[Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca)]

**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 8:58 AM

**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Childcare Funding Initiative

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 5:23 PM

**To:** [john.horgan.mla@legbc.ca](mailto:john.horgan.mla@legbc.ca); [premier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:premier@gov.bc.ca)

**Cc:** [minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:minister@gov.bc.ca); Chen.MLA, Katrina

**Subject:** Childcare Funding Initiative

Please find attached a letter from an Early Childhood Educator concerning the government new Parent Fee Reduction Initiative. Thank you s.22

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From: CC Minister MCF:EX  
To: Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
Cc: Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
Subject: FW: Childcare inquiry second email  
Date: Monday, April 30, 2018 10:48:17 AM

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Hey Rhea

**s.22** as emailed a couple times over the weekend since her first email of April 26, 2018. I see we have a Reply direct to go out with a due date of May 7, 2018. I have asked Krista to have staff to contact her today as per Niki's request.

Thank you. :)

Sincerely,

Cherie Wilson  
Administrative Assistant to  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Chen.MLA, Katrina [<mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]  
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 9:41 AM  
To: Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX; CC Minister MCF:EX  
Subject: Childcare inquiry second email

Hi,

Same provider as the previous one.

Derek

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From: **s.22**  
Sent: Saturday, April 28, 2018 12:54 AM  
To: Chen.MLA, Katrina  
Subject: Opt in agreement

Hello Minister Chen,

**s.22** I'm a Multi-Age childcare provider **s.22** I need your help. You had mentioned in teleconference that Government will work with all type of care providers. I have advocated for Universal childcare along with families in my facility. It is great that the Government is moving forward with Universal childcare to make childcare affordable for families.

I had opted in to fee reduction program on March 27. My agreement was not approved as I had raised my fee. I sent in Documents to support the reason for fee increase. As a Multi -Age Group child care my fee was reasonable in my area. I provide 10-12 hours a day on daily basis care for children.

My contract was denied and said I have 30 to reply if I want it reviewed.

So I reduced the price of childcare fee so I. An get approved and pass on saving to the parents.

I have phones CCOF many times and I was told to wait until an adjudicator will contact me. I have sent a fax to your office and reaching out to you. I did call your office and confirmed that they have received the fax. Time is an essence for me for many reasons.

s.22

This is causing great stress to me and my family. Please let me know what I have to do to make changes to get approved.

I'm asking for help and reaching out to you before I end up losing more families and forced to shut down my business s.22

s.22 I'm very compassionate about my profession. s.22

Infant Toddler and Special Need. Please take a moment to read my email and my fax and tell me how can I fix this

s.22 This is very urgent to me. I'm under lot of stress s.22

s.22

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thank you

s.22

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Chen, Katrina MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Childcare page from Budget highlights  
**Date:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 10:31:11 AM  
**Attachments:** ChildCareBC.pdf

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We have this one too!

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Childcare Plan 2018  
**Date:** Monday, April 16, 2018 9:10:09 AM  
**Attachments:** BC Childcare plan 2018.docx

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Is this a repeat?

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**From:** Chen.MLA, Katrina [mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca]

**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 2:36 PM

**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Childcare Plan 2018

**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 2:22 PM

**To:** Chen.MLA, Katrina

**Subject:** Childcare Plan 2018

Dear Minister Chen,

I am writing to you in support of our daycare s.22 and the concerns that follow the new appointed Daycare funding that has been put into place for 2018.

Thank you for taking the time to read and discuss.

Sincerely,

s.22

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: FW: Childcare Q  
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 12:03:27 PM

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From: Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 11:58 AM  
To: Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
Subject: FW: Childcare Q  
Hi Niki,

Apologies on the delay....here you go.

**Q: Will the new child care initiatives announced in Budget 2018 affect the payment amounts parents receive from the Canada Child Benefit?**

⌘ Due to some of the Budget 2018 initiatives that are aimed at reducing parental cost for child care, some parents may experience a reduction in Canada Child Benefit payments as a result of having smaller deductible (e.g. out-of-pocket child care costs). In other words, these families which are experiencing reduced child care costs would not be able to claim for child care expenses they will no longer be paying.

⌘ The impact of reduced child care expenses for any given family is highly dependent on the family's unique financial circumstances. Therefore, families with questions regarding how the new child care initiatives announced in Budget 2018 will impact their Canada Child Benefit should contact the CRA directly.

Thanks,

Rhea

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From: Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 4:39 PM  
To: Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
Subject: Fwd: Childcare Q  
MLA bullets please

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Butcher, Jared A LASS:EX" <[Jared.Butcher1@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Jared.Butcher1@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** March 27, 2018 at 4:28:12 PM PDT  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject: Childcare Q**

Hi Niki,

I am hoping this is an easy question: will the existing Canada Childcare Benefits be affected by the new benefits introduced in Budget 2018?

Many thanks,

**Jared Butcher** | Constituency Assistant to Hon. Carole James, MLA | Victoria-Beacon Hill

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Childcare Search  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 8:38:50 AM

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FYI

Sincerely,

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**From:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 9:27 AM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Childcare Search  
Sincerely,

**Cherie Wilson**

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**From:** Serhiy Kubay [<mailto:info@kindersit.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, April 2, 2018 7:56 PM

**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX

**Subject:** Childcare Search

Dear Ms. Chen,

Hope this letter finds you well.

My name is Paul Titarenko, I am writing you on behalf of O3 Alliance Inc, an Ontario technology startup providing online services that help parents find quality Child Care Centers across the province. Our interactive web site offers maps, reviews, waitlists and online kids enrollment all in one place. <http://kindersit.com/Map/Search?a=bc1>

We really appreciate all your hard work in pushing early childhood education agenda and hope our services could help with your endeavor.

We are promoting Licensed Child Care Centers and Primary Schools for parents across Canada free of charges. As a startup our resources are quite limited, and it is hard to keep momentum without provincial cooperation. Any help you could lend would be greatly appreciated!



I hope you find our ideas valuable and we could work together to the benefits of British Columbia parents.

Best regards,

Paul Titarenko

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: childcare  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 5:06:35 PM

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Hi Rhea,  
Please as program to connect with this provider  
Thanks  
Sincerely,  
**Niki Sharma**

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**From:** Chen.MLA, Katrina [mailto:[Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 1:34 PM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; CC Minister MCF:EX

**Subject:** childcare

Hi Niki and Cherie,

We received a voice message on our CO phone yesterday from a provider who has opted in, and was on a recent teleconference, but is having some unspecified difficulties (he mentioned any way to speed up the process). If you could ensure someone gets back to her, that would be appreciated.

Her contact information is:  
s.22

Thanks,

Derek Sahota  
Constituency Assistant to  
Katrina Chen  
MLA Burnaby-Lougheed  
P: 604-660-5058 | F: 604-660-5074

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: CKNW: Versluis - day care access  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018 8:44:10 AM

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Hi Karen,  
Sorry I missed the morning call.  
Wondering what we know about this closure?  
Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 7:22 PM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: CKNW: Versluis - day care access  
FYI - may need more info on this. Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** <[tno@gov.bc.ca](mailto:tno@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 10, 2018 at 7:08:51 PM PDT  
**To:** Undisclosed recipients;;  
**Subject:** CKNW: Versluis - day care access

CKNW (Vancouver)  
CKNW Lynda Steele  
10-Apr-2018 16:36

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**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Emailing: letter to parents 111.odt  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 8:38:22 AM  
**Attachments:** [letter to parents 111.odt](#)

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Reply direct please

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**From:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 9:26 AM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Emailing: letter to parents 111.odt  
Sincerely,

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**From:** Chen.MLA, Katrina [<mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 9:04 AM  
**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Fw: Emailing: letter to parents 111.odt

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**From:** S.22

**Sent:** Friday, March 30, 2018 7:05 AM

**To:** Chen.MLA, Katrina

**Subject:** Emailing: letter to parents 111.odt

Hello

I am a In Home Licensed Day Care Provider

I did send an other letter to you last week

Attached is a letter I had to send home with my clients yesterday to clarify the confusion of the Child Care Operating Funding program just released

This is now a follow up that is needed after the news release about the Child Care Funding this week

I truly feel the news Release from the NDP and The Ministry , who will also be getting a copy of this letter, was a sad attempt win the families support

It was an insult to many of us providers and we need to clarify the truth to the parents with children in child care faculties

thank you

s.22

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: I am sharing "Observations-on-the-BC-Government-Child-Care-Fee-Reduction-Initiative-1.pdf" with you  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 5:09:05 PM  
**Attachments:** [Observations-on-the-BC-Government-Child-Care-Fee-Reduction-Initiative-1.pdf](#)  
[image003.png](#)

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Please remind me the status of this one?

I know Christine that you connected with her on the phone.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Conroy.MLA, Katrine [<mailto:Katrine.Conroy.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 8:21 AM

**To:** Minister, MCF MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: I am sharing 'Observations-on-the-BC-Government-Child-Care-Fee-Reduction-Initiative-1.pdf' with you



*Elaine Whitehead*

Constituency Assistant to Hon. Katrine Conroy, MLA Kootenay West

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 4:28 PM

**To:** Conroy.MLA, Katrine

**Subject:** Fwd: I am sharing 'Observations-on-the-BC-Government-Child-Care-Fee-Reduction-Initiative-1.pdf' with you

Dear Katrine. I am forwarding you some communication that I have had with Katrina Chen.

s.22 she has not answered this email that I sent. I am surprised, because I told her that I, along with other independent daycare operators are deciding against expanding our business and creating new spaces because of the uncertainty in the industry. I am surprised that she has not responded to this and so I would like to give you an opportunity.

Please see the email below.

Thank you

s.22

s.22

----- Forwarded message -----

From s.22

Date: Thu, Apr 12, 2018 at 11:27 AM

Subject: I am sharing 'Observations-on-the-BC-Government-Child-Care-Fee-Reduction-Initiative-1.pdf' with you

To: [Katrina.chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Katrina.chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca)

Cc: [L.Throness@leg.bc.ca](mailto:L.Throness@leg.bc.ca), [joan.isaacs.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:joan.isaacs.MLA@leg.bc.ca)

Dear Katrina.

Thank you for the conference call on Monday afternoon, s.22

s.22

While we realize that your political obligation is to paint the big picture and minimize the details, it is all very frustrating for us because it affects our livelihoods. We have

received the  
the government's

message that, at the end of the day, the NDP government is more concerned with vote buying decisions strategies

than what is best for the childcare industry. Don't fool yourself. Childcare is an industry; it is not a public service

and the industry is filled with small business. The current NDP government is taking a very predictable partisan approach of more government at the expense of the small business owner. I would ask that you read the attached analysis so that you can see the ramifications of the trajectory you are on. The author of this report has worked for non-profit and for profit daycare centres.

I want to draw attention to paragraph 3 under the heading "Why the CCFRI?". It states, "The CCFRI, through managing fee increases will effectively close off this creative avenue for expansion leaving the sector totally reliant on government for addition of capacity. In this way the CCFRI will actually reduce or limit the number of spaces available." Katrina, this is a current reality for your government. s.22

s.22

The uncertainty brought by your government and this ill-conceived plan has put a stop to expansion. Is that the outcome you want? Who is going to invest in creating more spaces if we can not be sure of our industry? Doesn't this bother you? Why didn't you address this on the phone conversation? s.22

s.22



s.22

Sincerely  
s.22

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Chen, Katrina MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: IB\_CCFRI Update\_Apr 23 2018\_DRAFT 2  
**Date:** Monday, April 23, 2018 10:57:07 AM  
**Attachments:** IB\_CCFRI Update\_Apr 23 2018\_DRAFT 4.docx  
ATT00001.htm

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**From:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 23, 2018 10:57 AM  
**To:** Gibbs, Robb GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: IB\_CCFRI Update\_Apr 23 2018\_DRAFT 2

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**From:** "Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX" <[Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 23, 2018 at 10:55:36 AM PDT  
**To:** "Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX" <[Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: IB\_CCFRI Update\_Apr 23 2018\_DRAFT 2

Done – good to go to MO?  
Christine and team have approved.

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**From:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 23, 2018 10:54 AM  
**To:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX <[Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: IB\_CCFRI Update\_Apr 23 2018\_DRAFT 2  
Take out last line about the list

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On Apr 23, 2018, at 10:43 AM, Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX  
<[Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Updated as discussed. I'm including a clean copy for readability

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**From:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX

**Sent:** Monday, April 23, 2018 10:24 AM  
**To:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX <[Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** IB\_CCFRI Update\_Apr 23 2018\_DRAFT 2

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Beare.MLA, Lisa LASS:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: inquiry regarding child care fee reduction  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 1:35:14 PM

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FYI

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 1:51 PM

**To:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX

**Subject:** Re: inquiry regarding child care fee reduction

Hi there

Sorry I was away last week...Im a bit busy today for a phone call, but just pass the message on that I did opt-in and my questions were answered

s.22

On Tuesday, April 3, 2018, 12:38:15 PM PDT, Massey, Christine MCF:EX wrote:

**s.22** Your email to MLA Lisa Beare was forwarded to me. I called on Thursday but you were away. Is there a good time for me to call you this week regarding your questions?

cm

Christine Massey, Assistant Deputy Minister

Early Years & Inclusion, Ministry of Children & Family Development

Desk: 778-698-7121 Mobile: 250-415-0590

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Chen, Katrina MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Interview questions for Evolution Radio  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 9:30:43 AM

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**From:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 9:22 AM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX; Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Interview questions for Evolution Radio

Hi both,

Here are the questions for Minister Chen's Evolution Radio interview tomorrow. These are all questions that we've dealt with previously, but let me know if you'd like me to put together responses:

1. Can you describe the current state of the BC Day Care System?
2. What are some short-term and long-term problems facing the BC Day Care System?
3. One of the major issues facing the BC Day Care System, is the need for spaces. What kind of improvements will be made in the next year?
4. How will funding be allocated, in accordance with Budget 2018?
5. How was funding allocated, in accordance with the old budget?
6. How do you think the funding should be allocated?
7. Do you think the government will try to get non-legal day care's to become legal?
8. Do you see regulations being changed to the current system (ie licensing rules changed to allow more children in programs etc), to help accommodate parents who need to put their child into day care?
9. How close are we to the 10-dollar initiative that Horgan promised while he was on the campaign trail?
10. Who benefits most from the funding?
11. What other works needs to be done, to put the BC Day care system in a comfortable, or is it now a comfortable place?
12. Was there bigger need to cut costs or to create more space in the Day Care system?
13. Is there anything I missed that needs to be covered?

Thank you,  
Brendan

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Chen, Katrina MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Interview with Ming Pao  
**Date:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 9:00:29 AM  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 8:52 AM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Interview with Ming Pao

**Importance:** High

MSKC could do 4:30 today? Let me know if I'm good to suggest that. Or could connect w/ her CA for time tmrw.

**Emily White**

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**From:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX

**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 8:44 AM

**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Cc:** Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX

**Subject:** Interview with Ming Pao

Hi both,

Ming Pao have let me know that they're available at any time today or tomorrow between 10 – 5. I'm waiting on some information back from program for a few of the questions and should have that this morning. Please could you let me know if the Minister has any time this afternoon or tomorrow to do this interview? I'll confirm with the reporter.

Thank you,

Brendan

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Chen, Katrina MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Is your Minister attending the City of Vancouver's apology to Chinese Canadians on April 22?  
**Date:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 3:32:18 PM

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**From:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX

**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 3:34 PM

**To:** Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX

**Cc:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** RE: Is your Minister attending the City of Vancouver's apology to Chinese Canadians on April 22?

Hi Charlotte, MKC is at the Secwepemc Water Gathering that weekend in Invermere so she will not be able to make it – I imagine MSKC will want to be there and her calendar is not currently committed, but cc'g Niki to have that confirmed.

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**From:** Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX

**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 1:08 PM

**To:** LP Senior Ministerial Assistants

**Subject:** Is your Minister attending the City of Vancouver's apology to Chinese Canadians on April 22?

Hi folks,

Can you please just quickly let me know if your minister is planning to attend the City of

Vancouver's apology to Chinese Canadians on April 22<sup>nd</sup>?

Thanks,

Charlotte

Charlotte Kingston,

Manager of Stakeholder Relations

Office of the Premier

Mobile: 604-816-7207

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Joint Minister's meeting  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 2:29:22 PM

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FYI – I think we will need you there and your counterpart at AEST

Thanks

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**From:** Flesh, Cindy AEST:EX

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 2:07 PM

**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Cc:** Wolsey, Ashley AEST:EX; Whitford, Kelly M AEST:EX; Chauvin, Lindsay AEST:EX

**Subject:** RE: Joint Minister's meeting

Perfect lets confirm for Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup> 5:00-5:30 in s.15 – could you please let me know who will be attending with both Minister Chen and Conroy – I will do the same and I will forward any materials I get regarding this meeting – thanks and please let me know if you need anything further.

Cindy Flesh

Administrative Coordinator to the

Honourable Melanie Mark

Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 1:55 PM

**To:** Flesh, Cindy AEST:EX; Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX

**Subject:** RE: Joint Minister's meeting

Both Ministers could be available at 5:00pm on May 15<sup>th</sup>

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**From:** Flesh, Cindy AEST:EX

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 1:48 PM

**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX; Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX

**Subject:** Joint Minister's meeting

Hello looking for 30 minutes before the next cabinet WG (May 29<sup>th</sup>) to discuss Work Integrated Pilot (ECE) with Minister Conroy and Minister Chen –

I have

Monday May 14<sup>th</sup> between 3:00-4:30

Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup> between 4:15-6:00

Hopefully one of these days and times will work are all

Please let me know if you have any questions

Thanks

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**To:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Letter found on facebook - FYI  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018 11:21:15 AM

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**From:** Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 5:32 PM

**To:** Oreck, Mira PREM:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX

**Subject:** Letter found on facebook - FYI

Copy of Letter, Send to the President and Dean of Capilano University

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Letter from CCCABC re space expansion  
**Date:** Monday, April 16, 2018 9:09:14 AM  
**Attachments:** [MCF CC Letter re Space Expansion.pdf](#)

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Minister reply please

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sharon Gregson [<mailto:sgregson@telus.net>]  
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2018 9:30 AM  
To: CC Minister MCF:EX  
Subject: Re: Letter from CCCABC re space expansion

Please find attached the corrected version. It's Friday the 13th!

Thank you  
Sharon Gregson

----- Original Message -----

From: "Sharon Gregson" <[sgregson@telus.net](mailto:sgregson@telus.net)>  
To: "cc minister" <[cc.minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:cc.minister@gov.bc.ca)>  
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2018 9:12:44 AM  
Subject: Letter from CCCABC re space expansion

Dear Minister Chen,

Please find attached a letter from the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC offering a concrete proposal that allows you to begin expanding licensed child care spaces on public properties immediately while undertaking long-term planning.

Thank you  
Sharon Gregson

Support the \$10aDay Child Care Plan for BC.....solution to the current child care crisis.  
[www.10aDay.ca](http://www.10aDay.ca)

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Letter of support for current initiative to reduce parent fees  
**Date:** Monday, April 16, 2018 9:04:41 AM  
**Attachments:** Letterofsupport.docx

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**From:** Chen.MLA, Katrina [<mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 9:30 AM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; CC Minister MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Fw: Letter of support for current initiative to reduce parent fees

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**From:** Kathleen Kummen  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 8, 2018 5:28 PM  
**To:** [premier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:premier@gov.bc.ca); Conroy.MLA, Katrine; Chen.MLA, Katrina  
**Cc:** Emily Mlieczko ([executive.director@ecebc.ca](mailto:executive.director@ecebc.ca)); Paul Dangerfield; Brad Martin  
**Subject:** Letter of support for current initiative to reduce parent fees

Dear Premier Horgan, Minister Chen and Minister Conroy

Please find enclosed a letter of support for the current government initiative to reduce parent fees written by a group of 31 early childhood educators, instructors and researchers who work together to create pedagogical experiences and practices for 21st century children and families.

Sincerely

Kathleen Kummen, Ph.D

School of Education and Childhood Studies

[kkummen@capilanou.ca](mailto:kkummen@capilanou.ca)

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2055 Purcell Way, North Vancouver

British Columbia, Canada V7J 3H5

[Journal of Pedagogies and Childhoods](#)

[Common World Childhoods Research Collective](#)

Acknowledging that Capilano University is on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including Tsleil-Waututh, Squamish, *shíshálh*, Lil'Wat, and Musqueam Nations

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Chen, Katrina MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: LTE\_Childcare MRN\_Apr 16 2018\_DRAFT  
**Date:** Monday, April 16, 2018 12:56:00 PM  
**Attachments:** LTE\_Childcare MRN\_Apr 16 2018\_DRAFT.docx

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**From:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX

**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 10:54 AM

**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** LTE\_Childcare MRN\_Apr 16 2018\_DRAFT

So this clocks in at 171 words thus far meaning you have a bit of wiggle room on the intro if you wish to take it - kj



**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Chen, Katrina MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Materials for upcoming MKC/MSKC meetings  
**Date:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 2:56:03 PM  
**Attachments:** 237330 IBN - Pace Accounting Incorporated's April report.docx

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 1:08 PM  
**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Materials for upcoming MKC/MSKC meetings  
FYI – the attached was sent just as info for both Ministers

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**From:** Laphorne, Carmen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 4:57 PM  
**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX; Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX; Tran, Kim C (Victoria) MCF:EX; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Perry, Alisma, MCF:EX; Cain, Krista A MCF:EX; Benn, Jennifer MCF:EX; Taggesell, Claire MCF:EX; Zhu, Jamie MCF:EX; Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX; Larabee, Shawn G GCPE:EX; Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Materials for upcoming MKC/MSKC meetings

Hi,

s.12

Carmen Lapthorne  
Information and Privacy Coordinator  
Deputy Minister's Office  
Ministry of Children and Family Development  
250-893-0231

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: May cc tour plan  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:27:03 AM  
**Attachments:** Site visit Minister Chen Daycare Tour May 2018.docx  
**Importance:** High

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Hey Karen,

Any chance for a decal event?

Sincerely,

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:19 AM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: May cc tour plan

**Importance:** High

Niki please see below and attached. Are we good to go w/ just two sites to visit?

Best,

**Emily White**

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**From:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:18 AM

**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Subject:** RE: May cc tour plan

Yes I did.

I only have two confirmed. One said no, and one didn't respond. The 5<sup>th</sup> one is federally funded, so not suitable.

Does MSKC still want to do it with only two? They both said morning so I have done a rough itinerary – see attached. I can finalize the itinerary once you confirm it is still a go.

Thanks

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:03 AM  
**To:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: May cc tour plan  
Hi Krista –

I just wanted to follow up and see if you had a chance to connect w/ the CC providers and confirm some times for the 2<sup>nd</sup>?

Best,

**Emily White**

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 9:54 AM  
**To:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: May cc tour plan  
Thank you!

**Emily White**

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**From:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 23, 2018 5:36 PM  
**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: May cc tour plan  
Thanks Emily.

I have already reached out to the 5 providers for May 4, however I will contact them again and let them know the change in dates, which may actually work better for some.

Will get back to you.

Krista

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 23, 2018 4:24 PM  
**To:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: May cc tour plan

**Importance:** High

Hi Krista –

A change of plans for MSKC's tour. Noted below is Coquitlam to take place in the late May break week.

However, Niki and MSKC would like to do a tour of the Coquitlam child care spaces next week on Wednesday.

Can you please have staff reach out to the CC spaces and set this up? As well, if you could please provide a detailed itinerary that would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you,

**Emily White**

*Administrative Coordinator*

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 9:38 AM

**To:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX; Massey, Christine MCF:EX

**Cc:** White, Emily MCF:EX; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX

**Subject:** May cc tour plan

Hello Everyone,

Here are our thoughts on the May child care tour. Locations and times may have to be adjusted because of travel. Please let us know your advice on places to visit in the region.

MSKC (Northwest coast)

- 1) Monday(possible travel day), Tuesday, Wednesday - Smithers, Prince Rupert (or other locations in region)
- 2) Thursday – Sunshine Coast (if MKC is doing Aboriginal Head Start announcement, we could find on or off-reserve child care to visit with MSKC)
- 3) Friday – Coquitlam (locations were already mapped out, we just had to cancel a couple times)

MKC ( Northeast, Kootenays)

- 1) M-W: opt-in decal visits in West Kootenay
- 2) Thursday: Prince George – do Aboriginal HeadStart announcement  
- visit an opted in childcare
- 3) Friday: Nelson: Visit Nelson opted-in childcare  
Speak to the West Kootenay Early Years Conference/awards

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Arora, Jasleen AG:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: meeting  
**Date:** Monday, April 23, 2018 6:08:43 PM  
**Attachments:** CCBC brief stkhlder plan 2018 V2.docx  
ATT00001.htm

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**From:** Lesli Boldt [mailto:[lesli@boldtcommunications.com](mailto:lesli@boldtcommunications.com)]

**Sent:** Monday, April 23, 2018 5:37 PM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Cc:** Oreck, Mira PREM:EX

**Subject:** Re: meeting

Hi, both -

Please find attached my draft plan with Christine's preliminary feedback. I've included the tactics (or versions of them) from your plan in here, Mira. Christine as already let Niki know that she'll be calling in for this first meeting.

Let's have a brief conversation on audiences tomorrow - from the ministry's perspective, stakeholders don't include public relations or external audiences (e.g. parents, media); GPCE will take on the more public tactics (media events, videos), so we need to be clear on "who's doing what" so you get the support you need.

Thanks and please send along dial in information.

Lesli

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Arora, Jasleen AG:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Ministry stakeholder lists  
**Date:** Monday, April 23, 2018 3:40:51 PM  
**Attachments:** [Copy of CC Stakeholder List January 2018.xlsx](#)

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**From:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 11, 2018 12:41 PM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Ministry stakeholder lists  
Hi Niki

I rec'd the attached from Child care....

Krista

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, January 5, 2018 10:40 AM  
**To:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: Ministry stakeholder lists  
Hi Krista,

Happy New year.

Please see below.

Does childcare have a stakeholder list? If so please provide a copy.

Thanks

Niki

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX" <[Charlotte.Kingston@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Charlotte.Kingston@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** January 4, 2018 at 4:30:34 PM PST  
**To:** "Ashbourne, Craig MAH:EX" <[Craig.Ashbourne@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Craig.Ashbourne@gov.bc.ca)>, "Avendano, Christian AEST:EX" <[Christian.Avendano@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Christian.Avendano@gov.bc.ca)>, "Beale, William AGRI:EX" <[William.Beale@gov.bc.ca](mailto:William.Beale@gov.bc.ca)>, "Cheevers, Michael LBR:EX" <[Michael.Cheevers@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Michael.Cheevers@gov.bc.ca)>, "Clark, Layne PREM:EX" <[Layne.Clark@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Layne.Clark@gov.bc.ca)>, "Cooling, Karen LBR:EX" <[Karen.Cooling@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karen.Cooling@gov.bc.ca)>, "Currie, Kathie JTT:EX" <[Kathie.Currie@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kathie.Currie@gov.bc.ca)>, "Ducker, Jayne SDPR:EX" <[Jayne.Ducker@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jayne.Ducker@gov.bc.ca)>, "Dycke, Kassandra HLTH:EX" <[Kassandra.Dycke@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kassandra.Dycke@gov.bc.ca)>, "Frampton, Caelie



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<Daniela.Gardea@gov.bc.ca>, "Gillezeau, Rob FIN:EX" <Rob.Gillezeau@gov.bc.ca>,  
"Godfrey, Sam AG:EX" <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>, "Gunn, Paula MCF:EX"  
<Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca>, "Harder, Derrick TRAN:EX" <Derrick.Harder@gov.bc.ca>,  
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<Jacqueline.Louie@gov.bc.ca>, "Maartman, William EDUC:EX"  
<William.Maartman@gov.bc.ca>, "McColl, John-Michael JTT:EX"  
<JohnMichael.McColl@gov.bc.ca>, "McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX"  
<Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>, "McNish, James EMPR:EX" <James.McNish@gov.bc.ca>,  
"Milne, Gala AG:EX" <Gala.Milne@gov.bc.ca>, "Newhook, Kelly TAC:EX"  
<Kelly.Newhook@gov.bc.ca>, "Papadopoulos, James AEST:EX"  
<James.Papadopoulos@gov.bc.ca>, "Perry, Alisma, TRAN:EX"  
<Alisma.Perry@gov.bc.ca>, "Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX" <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca>,  
"Riley, Karl CITZ:EX" <Karl.Riley@gov.bc.ca>, "Russell, Shannon CITZ:EX"  
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"Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX" <AnneMarie.Sam@gov.bc.ca>, "Sanderson, Melissa  
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Jasmyn HLTH:EX" <Jasmyn.Singh@gov.bc.ca>, "Smith, George AG:EX"  
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<Stepan.Vdovine@gov.bc.ca>, "Xia, Eveline ENV:EX" <Eveline.Xia@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject: Ministry stakeholder lists**

Hi everyone,

Wishing each of you a very happy new year! I've had the opportunity to meet many, but not all, of you. For those who don't yet know me, I joined Mira Oreck's team in the Premier's Office as the manager of stakeholder relations in early December. I work out of VCO, but will make trips to Victoria from time to time. I hope our paths will cross in person soon.

In our shop we are getting ready for an exciting year ahead. In order to bring our plans together, I need to get a sense of the stakeholder outreach that is already occurring within ministries. I understand that you should all have stakeholder lists that were created for you by ministry staff. Could you please send me your stakeholder list at your earliest convenience (ideally by next Thursday, January 11).

If for any reason this isn't a small or straightforward request on your end, just let me know! I've already received lists from a few of you. If that's the case, disregard this email ☺

Thanks,  
Char  
Charlotte Kingston,  
Manager of Stakeholder Relations  
Office of the Premier  
Mobile: 604-816-7207

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: MLA Fee Reduction FAQs  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 4:52:27 PM  
**Attachments:** KM-QA MLAs Child Care March 28 FINAL.docx  
ATT00001.htm

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Sincerely,

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*Ministerial Assistant to*

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**From:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 6:40 PM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** Fwd: MLA Fee Reduction FAQs

Resending what we sent over previously. Shall we tweak and have you get it back to MLA's again.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX" <[Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca)>

**Date:** April 24, 2018 at 6:36:08 PM PDT

**To:** "Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX" <[Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** "Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX" <[Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Fwd: MLA Fee Reduction FAQs

Hi Karen, Kirsten & I spent a long time putting together key messages & a QA for MLAs. It went over to MO several times for review, & I'm sure I sent the final version more than once too... see attached.

We put it together on for March 28 so it may need a little tweaking to align with current FAQs online.

Let me know if you want me to send over to Niki & Paula again.

Brendan

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX" <[Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca)>

**Date:** April 6, 2018 at 2:36:57 PM PDT

**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** **MLA Fee Reduction FAQs**

Hi Niki, final version as requested.

Thanks,

Brendan

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Arora, Jasleen AG:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: MLAs - Coquitlam  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 12:15:20 PM

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 11:42 AM  
**To:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** MLAs - Coquitlam  
Hi Cherie –

For the Coquitlam Child Care tour on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Minister Robinson's constit will need to be notified. I will send an email shortly and CC you on it. Other than that, I do not see any upcoming meetings in MSKC's calendars where MLA's would need to be notified.

Niki – we would notify an MLA for something like the ECEBC Conference? If so, I can reach out to them as well.

Best,

**Emily White**

*Administrative Coordinator*

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: My Experience: Child Care Operating Funding  
**Date:** Monday, April 23, 2018 2:38:20 PM

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Reply in writing or connect directly please

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**From:** Chen.MLA, Katrina [mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca]

**Sent:** Monday, April 23, 2018 7:57 AM

**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** Fw: My Experience: Child Care Operating Funding

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Saturday, April 21, 2018 8:49 PM

**To:** Chen.MLA, Katrina

**Cc:** Darcy.MLA, Judy

**Subject:** My Experience: Child Care Operating Funding

Hon. Katrina Chen,

s.22

s.22 When Carole James announced the provincial budget for 2018 in February, I was thrilled to hear about plans to improve childcare costs for families. Further, I was impressed by the swift implementation of the Child Care Operating Funding (CCOF) program for April. s.22

s.22

In a licenced family daycare, there is a sole employee providing care to up to 7 children. Understandably, there is limited time for a daycare provider to check emails and become familiar with the CCOF program. In addition, the CCOF leaves it up to the provider to opt in to the program, complete the requisite paperwork, and administer the reduction to fees. For a very busy family daycare provider, that is hands-on all day, every day, it is a significant burden to have them also take on additional administrative duties such as the CCOF. Not only that, but it leaves these providers as the key link to gaining this available funding that would

help so many struggling parents.

I would also like to highlight the inequity of the CCOF program, between the larger daycare centres and home-based daycares. Most daycare centres, like s.22

s.22, have administration staff or managers with the time and resources to complete the CCOF paperwork within a short timeframe. The smaller home-based daycares do not have these tools and need additional time to learn about the program and complete paperwork. With the tight deadlines for the CCOF, many of the home-based daycare will not make the deadlines and will not receive funding for April 1<sup>st</sup>.

More importantly, the CCOF is giving children in larger daycare centres more funding than children in home-based daycares. This is not equitable. Larger daycare centres are more expensive to operate and generally have higher fees than home-based daycares, but the government, through the CCOF, are subsidizing these larger centres and putting home-based daycare at a disadvantage as small business owners.

Many home-based daycares already struggle with gaining year-round, full enrollment, due to the increased popularity of the larger centres that have the resources to market and promote themselves. If the government is seeking to create affordable daycare for all British Columbians, then they should support those licenced daycares already working hard to support families and care for our next generation.

My recommendations are as follows:

- CCOF should be retroactive until June 1<sup>st</sup> for licenced, home-based daycares that could not meet the April 20<sup>th</sup> deadline.

- CCOF should be equal for home-based daycares and daycare centres, such that they both receive \$350 per month for children under the age of 3 and \$100 per month for children ages 3 to 5 years.

- CCOF should assist home-based daycares with the administration of the program by having a member of the Ministry of Children and Family Development reach out and offer support by telephone or in person.

As of April 15<sup>th</sup>, I have submitted a CCOF application on behalf of my daycare provider, s.22  
s.22

However, as I understand, there is further paperwork required to complete the contract and receive the first payment of funds. I do not know when or if my family will see the benefit from this program.

Thank you for considering my experience and I look forward to hearing your plan to address my recommendations.

Yours truly,

s.22

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: NDP Child Care Plan- PO 704458  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 9:36:09 AM  
**Attachments:** [PremHorganLetterMarch24.doc](#)  
**Importance:** High

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FYI sounds good for this copy.

Can we change our reply direct to let them know that we are responding for this letter to the Premier as well?

Thanks

Sincerely,

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**From:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 9:30 AM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: NDP Child Care Plan- PO 704458  
**Importance:** High

Sincerely,

**Cherie Wilson**

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**From:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 7, 2018 2:01 PM  
**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: NDP Child Care Plan- PO 704458  
**Importance:** High

Hello,

We were awaiting further direction on this letter addressed to the Premier.

FYI – We already have a Reply Direct in the works based on another incoming from this care provider. See 237151



As we have this letter addressed to the Premier, should we change the level of response from Reply Direct?

Or, do we have permission to FYI this copy?

Awaiting your response.

Thanks

Rhea

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**From:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 28, 2018 6:01 PM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Cc:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: NDP Child Care Plan- PO 704458

Please see attached, referral from the PO for MOS' review and direction.

Thanks,

Pam

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**From:** Huycke, Kayla PREM:EX

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 3:18 PM

**To:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: NDP Child Care Plan- PO 704458

Hi Pam,

Would your office be able to address the concerns of this writer?

Thank you (sorry for flooding your inbox).

Kayla

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Saturday, March 24, 2018 11:57 AM

**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

**Subject:** NDP Child Care Plan

Good Morning,

Please see the attached letter for Premier John Horgan

Sincerely

s.22

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Arora, Jasleen AG:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Photo  
**Date:** Monday, April 23, 2018 6:06:51 PM

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**From:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 28, 2018 12:08 PM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Photo  
Sure

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 28, 2018 11:50 AM  
**To:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Photo  
Hi Karen,

Wanted to remember to ask that for all future printing for communication of our budget document/child care blueprint, can we change MSKC's photo on the first page to this one:  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/bcgovphotos/26574861828/in/photostream/>

She is not a fan of that photo and this one is so nice

Thanks

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Please be strong and limit public funds available to for-profit childcare providers  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 9:43:37 AM  
**Attachments:** image002.png

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Can we thank them for their letter

Thanks

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

**The Hon. Katrina Chen**

Minister of State for Child Care

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**From:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX

**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 10:15 AM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Please be strong and limit public funds available to for-profit childcare providers

Sincerely,

**Cherie Wilson**

*Administrative Assistant to*

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**From:** Conroy.MLA, Katrine [<mailto:Katrine.Conroy.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]

**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 9:10 AM

**To:** Minister, MCF MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Please be strong and limit public funds available to for-profit childcare providers

Rerouting to MSKC- Re: Childcare



*Elaine Whitehead*

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**From:** S.22

**Sent:** Saturday, April 7, 2018 9:22 AM

**To:** Chen.MLA, Katrina <[Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** Conroy.MLA, Katrine <[Katrine.Conroy.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Katrine.Conroy.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Please be strong and limit public funds available to for-profit childcare providers

To the Honourable Ministers Katrina Chen and Katrine Conroy,

Thank you for your government's work on childcare, including the fee reduction initiative, increasing subsidy, and increased capital grants. Low and moderate income people who never before could afford licensed childcare for their kids now can anticipate fees within reach. It's a big deal for those families, and those kids! To explain my own background on the issue, I'm a parent of kids in childcare, s.22

s.22

The strident opposition from corporate childcare providers is painful to see, and their efforts to align with family providers are obviously opportunistic. They were already notorious for paying the lowest wages while charging the highest fees in low quality facilities that barely meet licensing requirements, with programming that often overlooks principles of healthy child development. . It is unfortunately no surprise to see stories like this one in the Vancouver Sun this week:

<http://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/b-c-parents-frustrated-over-timing-of-fee-hikes-at-some-daycares>

For-profit group daycare, particularly large corporate providers, are clearly different from family childcare providers, and do not have the best interests of children and families at heart. Therefore, I urge you to be strong on the issue of limiting public funds available to for-profit providers. Public funds should not support private gain. Private childcares must be held to the strictest requirements of the Fee Reduction Initiative, if they must be eligible at all. To maximize quality of care and effective use of public funds, for-profit childcares should not be eligible for capital grants either - and certainly not at the same level as public or non-profit organizations. There is sound evidence behind such a policy, and the people of BC will appreciate the judicious use of their taxes. (It should be the same for private schools!)

Thank you again for your hard work. The incredible progress this government has made on childcare has already changed the game for BC families. Future components like a strategy for a robust, fairly paid ECE workforce, and for increasing program quality (including restoring or increasing the minimum outdoor space requirements which were slashed by the BC Liberals) are eagerly awaited. Please stand strong on directing public funds to public and nonprofit childcare providers.

Sincerely,

s.22

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Questions from Last Nights Teleconference Call  
**Date:** Monday, April 16, 2018 6:18:34 PM

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Hi Christine,

Did I miss sending this along?

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018 2:11 PM

**To:** MCF Child Care Operating Fund, MCF:EX

**Cc:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** Questions from Last Nights Teleconference Call

Hello,

s.22

At last nights teleconference I invited other Licensed Family Child Care Providers to my home so that we could listen together. There were 14 of us in the room listening.

After the call was over we had a round table discussion on what we had learned as well as what we still needed clarification on.

I was in the que to ask a question but unfortunately some people did not limit themselves to just two questions as proposed in the beginning.

Below is our questions after our round table discussion we still need some clarifications on:

1. What does the Child Care Parent Fee Reduction Initiative call full time care?

Reasons we are asking is some in the room take one or two Fridays off in a month but their parents are still paying for full time care. Others have it in their contracts that 4 days a week care is classified as full time because for a Family Child Care to get someone who wants only that particular day a week is next to impossible. We still let the parents bring their child on the others days as we explain to them they may need to use the other day as a Doctor day, getting errands done, etc. It is up to the parent if the need to bring the child on the day they do not need care for but the parent is still paying full time rates.

2. With the New Initiative funding what happens in the month when I child turns 3 so is moving into the different funding category?

With CCOF funding we are allowed to count the birthday child for the full month as the lower rate and they move into the upper age category the following month. Will this be the same? Also would this be true if the child's birthday was on the first on the month?

3. With regards to the online reporting of the base CCOF funding and the Child Care Parent Fee

Reduction Initiative will it be two reports we would be filling out or will it be on one report? We were just wondering about the amount of paperwork as there are some FCC's around the province who only have part timers but that those P/T people fill up 4 or 5 spaces. So they will be working with 8 or more families at a time.

4. As the reporting is changing that we file our reports on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month before to get our payment on the first of the month for that month ( Example: April 20<sup>th</sup> reporting to be paid May 1<sup>st</sup> for the month of May) will there be a way to send in any amendments for things like a child who may start our program in the middle of May but we have already put our paperwork in for that month?
5. Now it was hinted at but not confirmed on the call last night that we would possibly be getting paid for our holidays and stats(as long as it wasn't a full month or two). As of right now with the CCOF we can not put in our holidays on our reports. When this is confirmed can you answer this question for us. This is a big question and is what is really holding people back from opting into the new initiative from the talk around our round table last night.
6. This question is for as we move down the road to a Universal Child Care System and all child care is publicly funded will vaccinations become a stumbling block in the system. As most of us have read a publicly funded system can not excluded non-vaccinated children from their programs.  
In FCC some of us have in our contracts that children must be vaccinated to come into our programs. The reasons range from someone in the household has an immune disorder or a grandchild has a low immune system so if the children in care during the week were not vaccinated the grandchild could not come over on the weekends. To the provider has made this decision for the overall health of themselves and the children who are in there care. This is not something that is with the new initiative but something to be considered as we move forward on this journey with the plan and needs to be considered.
7. With regards to the Minor Capital Funding that is opening up for Family Child Care Providers. Could you give some more parameters on what that may be as this is all new to FCC. I read on the website about using it to comply with Licensing regulations. An example is one person rents their house and the landlord will not fix the kitchen floor so it has been written up on her Annual Licensing reports that the floor always looks dirty. Would the Minor Capital Funding be something that she could apply for to use for the purpose of fixing her floor to comply with her Licensing Officers Report?

Thank you very much,  
Submitted by S.22

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
Cc: [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: FW: Raising Prices on Already Existing Families  
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 10:01:20 AM

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Reply direct please

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

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Minister of State for Child Care

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 5:51 PM

**To:** Minister, FIN FIN:EX

**Subject:** Raising Prices on Already Existing Families

To whom this may concern,

It was brought to my attention on Friday, March 23, 2018, that my daycare fee will be going from \$1097.00 to \$1178.00. s.22

s.22

In November 2017 the owner lowered the price for infants and toddlers s.22

s.22

s.22

Now as of April 1 s.22

s.22

s.22 fees increased without notice.

I am just curious if the owner is allowed to do that since all parents including myself signed a contract saying what we will be paying monthly. No family has even been given a notice about the price changing. Nothing was ever written out it was all verbal to the staff only.

I know the owner is allowed to go back up to what the infant room price was before, but I'm just curious if he is allowed to raise the prices to all new families that started in November 2017 till now s.22

s.22

. I read the childcare budget for 2018 and I couldn't find anything about this. The owner and manager think it's ok to take all the discounts away without notice.

I know you must be busy with all the emails and calls. So no rush. Thank you for your time and I hope to hear back from you soon!

s.22

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Re; Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 5:12:10 PM  
**Attachments:** CCFRI letter.docx

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Is this a duplicate?

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018 7:30 PM

**To:** Minister, LBR LBR:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, MCF MCF:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EDUC EDUC:EX; Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; Wilkinson.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; Throness.MLA, Laurie LASS:EX

**Subject:** Re; Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative

To Whom It May Concern;

Please see attached letter in regards to the child care fee reduction initiative.

Thank you,

s.22

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Redirect from FIN - 366619  
**Date:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 10:20:57 AM  
**Attachments:** [Raising Prices on Already Existing Families.msg](#)

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Reply direct please

Sincerely,

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**From:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 10:36 AM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Redirect from FIN - 366619  
Sincerely,

**Cherie Wilson**

*Administrative Assistant to*

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**From:** FIN OFFICE FIN:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 10:23 AM  
**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Redirect from FIN - 366619  
Good morning,

I am just following up on my email below. Please advise.

Thank you,

Marika Anderson

Correspondence Coordinator

Ministry of Finance

Tel: 250 356-7948

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**From:** FIN OFFICE FIN:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 28, 2018 9:52 AM  
**To:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Redirect from FIN - 366619

Good morning,

Redirect from Finance for your review & attention.

Please advise if you will be responding and please advise if this doesn't fall under your purview.

Thank you,

**Marika Anderson**

Correspondence Coordinator

Ministry of Finance

Tel: 250 356-7948

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Request for Ministry call to childcare provider  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:46:32 AM

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Hi Christine,

Got asked if we connected with her?

Thanks

Sincerely,

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 1:21 PM  
**To:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: Request for Ministry call to childcare provider  
FYI - thanks

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Beare.MLA, Lisa LASS:EX" <[Lisa.Beare.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Lisa.Beare.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 3, 2018 at 1:19:48 PM PDT  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: Request for Ministry call to childcare provider

Hi Niki,

I hope you had a great long weekend!

Just a quick note regarding my email below to see if there's an update or if you were able to speak with s.22

Thanks so much,

Thyra

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**From:** "Beare.MLA, Lisa" <[Lisa.Beare.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Lisa.Beare.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 11:18 AM  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Request for Ministry call to childcare provider

Hi Niki,

As per our conversation....

s.22 is a local childcare provider s.22

She has met with MLA Beare in the past. Lisa called her to see if she was opting in and s.22 said she was planning to, until she started hearing information about providers not getting the subsidy should, for example, a child be out of the centre for two weeks family vacation. She is still confused about the process, even though she's been on the calls and has called in to the info line a couple times.

Lisa is requesting to have someone from the Ministry call s.22 to answer her questions and clarify any confusion. Her contact information is below.

Please let me know if you have any questions and please keep me updated so I can let Lisa know the status.

Many thanks,

Thyra

**Thyra Gillese** | Constituency Assistant | Lisa Beare, MLA Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows  
104-20130 Lougheed Highway, Maple Ridge, BC V2X 2P7  
P: 604-465-9299 | F: 604-465-9294

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**From:** s.22

**Date:** Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 9:04 AM

**To:** "Beare.MLA, Lisa" <[Lisa.Beare.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Lisa.Beare.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Re: A Made-In-BC Child Care Plan

Hi Lisa

Thanks for the phone call yesterday...sorry I didn't take your number to call you back.

I phoned for the conference call yesterday I listened for an hour and a half and I didn't even get to answer my question...I had to listen to family daycare talk about their personal experiences. So Im on hold with childcare operating funding again this morning to see if they are able to give me some more answers on my concerns.

thanks

s.22

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#); [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Response to Letter from Minister Chen  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 5:13:51 PM  
**Attachments:** [Letter to Minister Chen.pdf](#)

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Should we connect with this person?

Sincerely,

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 9:55 PM

**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX

**Subject:** Response to Letter from Minister Chen

Dear Minister Chen,

I received your letter the other day in response to mine.

I have attached a response and I look forward to hearing from you.

All my best,

s.22

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: REVISED Child Care Correspondence process  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 8:36:08 AM

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**From:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX

**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 5:57 PM

**To:** Brown, Edena MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Perry, Alisma, MCF:EX

**Cc:** White, Emily MCF:EX; Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX; Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX

**Subject:** RE: REVISED Child Care Correspondence process

No, all CC correspondence goes to Niki, including MLA Bullets:

- 3) Niki will then send on only that one email to Correspondence/Rhea with direction: Minister of State signature, reply direct, etc. This includes all correspondence including MLA Bullets.
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**From:** Brown, Edena MCF:EX

**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 4:57 PM

**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Perry, Alisma, MCF:EX

**Cc:** White, Emily MCF:EX; Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX; Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX

**Subject:** RE: REVISED Child Care Correspondence process

Hi All,

One last question with this transfer of childcare correspondence process – E-Apps are still being sent to me with childcare MLA office bullets. Will I still be doing these?

Thanks,

Edena

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**From:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX

**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 2:10 PM

**To:** Brown, Edena MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Perry, Alisma, MCF:EX

**Cc:** White, Emily MCF:EX; Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX; Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX

**Subject:** REVISED Child Care Correspondence process

Hi all, here is the revised Correspondence flowchart to reflect the streamlining on childcare side.

Thank you Cherie for updating the chart!

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**From:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX

**Sent:** Friday, April 6, 2018 4:22 PM

**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX

**Subject:** RE: Child Care Correspondence process

Hi Paula,

Here is the revised flow chart for you. 😊

Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

**Cherie Wilson**

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**From:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX

**Sent:** Friday, April 6, 2018 4:05 PM

**To:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX

**Cc:** Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX; Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX

**Subject:** Child Care Correspondence process

Hi Rhea, sorry for delay, had this in drafts and meant to send to you earlier – have a great weekend!

- 1) Any Child Care correspondence that comes through MCF inbox (no matter which minister it is addressed to) to be redirected by AA for MCF/Kaitlin to CC inbox
- 2) AA for Childcare/Cherie to review CC inbox, determine duplicates and only send one email with the correspondence as attachments to MA for MoS Childcare/Niki.
- 3) Niki will then send on only that one email to Correspondence/Rhea with direction: Minister of State signature, reply direct, etc. This includes all correspondence including MLA Bullets.



**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Rural Communities Early Childhood Institute - Three-year Early Childhood Educator Workforce Development Plan  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 5:17:17 PM  
**Attachments:** [Strategic Proposal - April 8 IB \(1\).pdf](#)

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An interesting one.

Maybe we can connect with them for labour market strategy if we haven't already.

Please draft a Ministerial reply

Sincerely,

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**From:** Katherine Bonell [<mailto:kathy@rceci.ca>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 11:14 AM

**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX

**Subject:** Rural Communities Early Childhood Institute - Three-year Early Childhood Educator Workforce Development Plan

Hi Cherie

Thank you for taking my call. The three-year early childhood educator workforce development plan I developed to address the early learning and child care crisis within the East Kootenay region of the province is attached for Honourable Katrina Chen's consideration.

Feel free to contact me by email at [kathy@rceci.ca](mailto:kathy@rceci.ca) or by phone at 250-427-5560 if you have questions.

Warmly

Kathy

Katherine Bonell

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Phone: 250-427-5560

Email: [kathy@rceci.ca](mailto:kathy@rceci.ca)

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**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Rural Communities Early Childhood Institute - Three-year Early Childhood Educator Workforce Development Plan  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 5:17:17 PM  
**Attachments:** [Strategic Proposal - April 8 IB \(1\).pdf](#)

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An interesting one.

Maybe we can connect with them for labour market strategy if we haven't already.

Please draft a Ministerial reply

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

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Minister of State for Child Care

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**From:** Katherine Bonell [<mailto:kathy@rceci.ca>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 11:14 AM

**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX

**Subject:** Rural Communities Early Childhood Institute - Three-year Early Childhood Educator Workforce Development Plan

Hi Cherie

Thank you for taking my call. The three-year early childhood educator workforce development plan I developed to address the early learning and child care crisis within the East Kootenay region of the province is attached for Honourable Katrina Chen's consideration.

Feel free to contact me by email at [kathy@rceci.ca](mailto:kathy@rceci.ca) or by phone at 250-427-5560 if you have questions.

Warmly

Kathy

Katherine Bonell

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Teleconference: Family Care Association & Minister Chen  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:23:15 AM

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Hi Christine,

It looks like they will want to know about minor capital.

Sincerely,

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 2:56 PM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Teleconference: Family Care Association & Minister Chen

**Emily White**

*Administrative Coordinator*

**The Hon. Katrine Conroy**

Minister of Children and Family Development

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 2:52 PM

**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Subject:** RE: Teleconference: Family Care Association & Minister Chen

Emily,

Just needing a little more information to let our members know about this call.

Minister Chen will be speaking on the 3 year Child Care Plan and all the benefits to both parents and providers, correct? Will there be any time for any questions and answers?

Providers are interested in the facts about the Child Care Minor Funding that is the first time available to Family Child Care providers. Since this has not been available to us before many have questions on this. Another topic is the education dollars available for providers to get their ECE certificate, questions have been coming up about this as well.

How long will the call take place on Wednesday?

s.22

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 2:18 PM

**To:** s.22

**Subject:** RE: Teleconference: Family Care Association & Minister Chen

Hi s.22

Yes, you are correct. It is with the members from the BC Family Child Care Association.

Confirming this call for April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:15pm. I am securing a teleconference line for this meeting and will forward to you as soon as I receive it (likely early tomorrow).

Thank you,

**Emily White**

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 2:14 PM

**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Subject:** RE: Teleconference: Family Care Association & Minister Chen

Hi Emily,

This is great news!

I was under the impression that this teleconference call was for our members of BC Family Child Care Association. So I can put it out to our members but I will not know exact numbers of who will be on the call.

We will make this call work on our end by getting this information out this afternoon to our members and if you could forward the call in details later we can send it out via email to our members.

Will this work from your end?

s.22

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Sent from Mail for Windows 10

**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 1:24 PM

**To:** s.22

**Subject:** Teleconference: Family Care Association & Minister Chen

**Importance:** High

Good afternoon s.22

I am emailing on behalf of Minister Katrina Chen. I understand you have spoken with ADM Christine Massey in regards to setting up a call b/w the Family Care Association and Minister Chen this week.

I am happy to help with this. The Minister is available for this call at 7:15pm on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

If you can please confirm that this time works well on your end, and who will be joining the call, I can provide call in details.

Thank you kindly,

**Emily White**

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Chen, Katrina MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: thank you!  
**Date:** Monday, April 16, 2018 10:51:16 AM

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A nice note.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Chen.MLA, Katrina [<mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]

**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 5:20 PM

**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX

**Subject:** Fw: thank you!

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**From:** Kristen Fibich

**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 4:15 PM

**To:** Chen.MLA, Katrina

**Subject:** thank you!

Hello Minister Chen,

It was wonderful to sit next to you at our Burnaby Child Care Resources group at city hall last week on April 5th. I have been so pleased to share with clients and with staff about how receptive you are to the feedback given about the rollout of the current initiatives. Thank you for taking the time to meet with all of us and for listening to the needs of childcare providers and families.

I also really enjoyed our conversations about perspectives on building a whole new child care system and the time, thoughtfulness and steps this takes.

I let Sue Irwin, our Regional coordinator for the CCRRs know that you and I had connected.

If there is anything she can do in terms of continued discussion around CCRR roles in any way, she is very open to continuing to connect with you as I am sure you are aware. Her email is as follows:[sue.irwin@nscr.bc.ca](mailto:sue.irwin@nscr.bc.ca)

I am also pleased to connect at any time and will continue to look forward to our conference calls as sharing feedback and brainstorming together is so valuable.

Thanks again for your time, your dedication and your true commitment, which really shines through in your personal interactions with all of us.

We are very fortunate to have you in your role.

All the best,

Kristen Fibich

**Kristen Fibich**

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Twin families not considered under child care improvements  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 11:56:21 AM

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Reply direct please

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**From:** Chen.MLA, Katrina [mailto:[Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:06 AM

**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX

**Cc:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** Fw: Twin families not considered under child care improvements

Hi Cherie,

I am forwarding the below email to you for your reference.

Thanks,

Jessica

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 7:56 PM

**To:** Chen.MLA, Katrina

**Cc:** [bcchildcarefeedback@gmail.com](mailto:bcchildcarefeedback@gmail.com); Farnworth.MLA, Mike

**Subject:** Twin families not considered under child care improvements

Dear Minister Chen,

I'd like to thank you for your and the government's attention to the important matter of child care. The desire to improve the quality, availability and cost of child care for all British Columbian families is imperative to the well-being of young children throughout the province. After reviewing the plan, there are some gaps I would like to highlight to ensure that this new child care plan works for families in B.C.

s.22

**although we don't require child care yet, we will in the not-so-distant future. It is already a worry that our family will struggle with the cost and availability of child care.**

**The new plan requires modifications in the following areas that impacts my family directly:**

- We will receive less assistance for paying the astronomical costs of child care with the new plan



- We will have less choice on what child care options are available to use as a family (example: nannies are not covered even though this option may be the most cost-effective option)
- We have no voice when it comes to whether or not daycare owners decide to apply for part of the benefit
- The plan does not address the issue of the shortage of trained ECE's or that ECE's, who perform a very important role are undervalued and underpaid relative to the difficulty and importance of their job.
- The new "Affordable Child Care Benefit" portion of the plan has a maximum family income threshold of \$111,000. This means that a large portion of middle class families will not be eligible to receive the benefit. s.22

s.22

s.22

Please reconsider how this program works for parents with multiple children in care. Families in British Columbia are already struggling as it is with the high cost of living.

Many parents of multiples opt to hire a nanny instead of enrolling their children in daycare. This is due to the unavailability of finding a daycare that has two spots open at the same time and the high costs of daycare. This lack of choice impacts the careers of women who end up staying home as caregivers instead of working in their fields and contributing as working members of society.

Another issue in the new plan it has put daycare owners and families in conflict due to the choice daycare owners have with opting in or out of the subsidy plan. As much as it hurts financially, we support our local daycares and understand the reservations they have as small business owners in signing a contract that limits the ways they can conduct their business in the future.

**Here are some recommendations that can affect real change to British Columbian families struggling with child care expenses:**

- Increase the maximum family income threshold of \$111,000 to \$175,000
- Include hiring a nanny or other child care helpers as eligible child care expenses.
- Give the whole child care benefit directly to parents and instead support daycare businesses in other ways by offering grants to offset capital and other business costs, subsidize ECE training and support daycares seeking suitable locations to open.
- Allow daycare owners to receive a subsidy for their own children, provided they take care of children besides their own. This supports women entrepreneurs, will open up space in daycares and increase the options for child care for everyone.
- Provide financial support and resources for child care providers to access ECE training. Options include a wage subsidy and incentives to enroll in ECE programs. Working with infant and toddlers is such an important job, it is quite literally building our future, but

wages do not reflect the importance of the role.

The new Child Care Improvements in BC plan is a step in the right direction. However, there is much more work to be done so that every dollar that is spent by the government is used most efficiently. The recommendations provided in this letter will ensure that the plan will support average middle class families s.22 struggling to make a living and contribute to our communities.

Thank you for your hard work on behalf of the citizens of British Columbia,  
s.22

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Unbalanced Savings  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 8:38:00 AM

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Reply direct please

Sincerely,

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**From:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 9:26 AM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Unbalanced Savings  
Sincerely,

**Cherie Wilson**

*Administrative Assistant to*

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**From:** Chen.MLA, Katrina [<mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 9:09 AM  
**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Fw: Unbalanced Savings

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Saturday, March 31, 2018 10:54 AM

**To:** Chen.MLA, Katrina

**Subject:** Unbalanced Savings

I am writing to you because I thought you may be interested in noting the differences in fees available to my centre.

The NDP have implemented the Universal Child Care plan, but if you look at the numbers I have provided, you can see it is far from universal.

As a small business owner, I had hoped the fees would be the same for all centres and all families would

receive the same advantages, however, that is not the case. I am an ECE and have been repeatedly informed that the difference is because Group care has more overhead. The group centres also have the ability to have more attendees to cover their overhead.

I urge you to bring these figures forward to the next session of parliament. I believe the NDP need to be held accountable for bringing forth an unbalanced scale for families and childcare providers.

Thank you for taking the time to review my letter. This plan will drive families out of small centres and into big box care because they will receive more money.

This chart clearly shows the difference in savings provided to families using the IHMA or Group MA centres.

# of days attending	Age of child	IHMA	Group MA
11	3-5years	\$33	\$55
13	3-5years	\$39	\$65
12	3-5years	\$36	\$60
9	3-5years	\$27	\$45
8	3-5years	\$24	\$40
8	3-5years	\$24	\$40
20	3-5years	\$30	\$100
12	3-5years	\$36	\$60
7	3-5years	\$21	\$35
4	3-5years	\$12	\$20
8	1-3years	\$80	\$40
8	1-3years	\$80	\$140
9	1-3years	\$90	\$157.50
9	1-3years	\$90	\$157.50
4	1-3years	\$40	\$70

Kind Regards,  
s.22

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
Cc: [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: FW: Universal Childcare  
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 3:55:29 PM

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Minister Reply

MSKC did not make such a public statement.

Sincerely,

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From: Chen.MLA, Katrina [<mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 3:00 PM  
To: CC Minister MCF:EX  
Subject: FW: Universal Childcare

-----Original Message-----

From: **s.22**  
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 2:08 PM  
To: Chen.MLA, Katrina <[Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
Subject: Universal Childcare

Dear Minister Chen,

I'm all for Universal childcare and affordability for parents and families. I hear on the social media that you have stated that we as a Multi- Age childcare do not provide quality childcare. I wanted to hear directly from you that d you have said that and if so than why ?

**s.22**

I don't believe everything I see in Facebook but I needed to hear from you personally.

I have put my trust and faith in this Government that they will do right for the children, families and support us in the field of our work as well.

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Universal Childcare Concern- PO 704229  
**Date:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 9:53:04 AM

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Reply direct please

Sincerely,

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**From:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 1:01 PM  
**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Universal Childcare Concern- PO 704229

Hello. This referral below from the Premier's office may have been missed, so I am re-sending to the MOS for review/ direction please.

Thanks,

Pam

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**From:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 28, 2018 6:03 PM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Universal Childcare Concern- PO 704229

Please see below, referral from the PO for MOS' review and direction.

Thanks,

Pam

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**From:** Huycke, Kayla PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 1:38 PM  
**To:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Universal Childcare Concern- PO 704229

Hi Pam,

Another one here in regards to the child care fee reduction program. I have quite a few. I'm going to try to reply to some of them myself, but some have more specific questions. I'm sure you folks are pretty slammed so just let me know if there's anything I can do to make the process easier for you (I'll be sending over around 10 most likely before the end of the day).

Thanks!

Kayla

**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 1:20 PM  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Universal Childcare Concern

Hi John,

It was really lovely to hear you speak at the BCTF AGM. I truly appreciated the sentiment and

affirmation that you have our backs as teachers.

And I took it quite seriously when you asked us to have your backs. Which is why I am writing you this email.

I know the overall idea presented to address the childcare crisis in BC. Putting money in the pockets of parents with the goal of reducing the cost burden of care.

s.22

What will happen if this behaviour on the part of private businesses just completely nullifies your attempts to build equity and affordability into childcare for this province?

I am a long time NDP supporter and I really think that you are doing such a great job, especially in light of what you have been made to clean up after. I hope that you were already aware of this reaction from the private sector and that your team is already thinking on it. I look forward to hearing you address this and hope you can get out in front of it.

All the best from my family to yours,

s.22

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#); [Viaud, Chantille PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Waiting for the Adjudicator to call SFU Childcare Society's 12 programs  
**Date:** Monday, April 9, 2018 1:09:41 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hi Christine – please connect with this provider.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Chen.MLA, Katrina [<mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]

**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 11:47 AM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; CC Minister MCF:EX

**Subject:** Fw: Waiting for the Adjudicator to call SFU Childcare Society's 12 programs

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 11:41 AM

**To:** Chen.MLA, Katrina

**Cc:** Jacky Hughes

**Subject:** Waiting for the Adjudicator to call SFU Childcare Society's 12 programs

Dear Minister,

We are very happy to have the opportunity to apply for the additional funding to support a fee decrease for our families. I am sending this email to you as you did encourage us s.22

s.22 to contact you

regarding any difficulties we were having with accessing the additional funding program.

As a large licensed childcare operator in your constituency we are still waiting for the adjudicator to contact us for their required additional information. We were promised a phone call last week and as we approach mid month later this week, we are concerned that we may not receive funding approval for May.

s.22

I have received twelve separate emails for each of our programs from the Ministry of Children and Families under SFU Childcare Society and would like to request that one phone call would accomplish the adjudicator's task instead of twelve separate



calls.  
Thank-you for your help!  
Sincerely,  
s.22

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
Cc: [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: After school care opportunities/threats  
Date: Thursday, April 5, 2018 12:53:38 PM

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Reply direct please

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX" <[Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 5, 2018 at 9:10:58 AM PDT  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: After school care opportunities/threats

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-----Original Message-----

From: Chen.MLA, Katrina [<mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]  
Sent: Thursday, April 5, 2018 8:58 AM  
To: CC Minister MCF:EX  
Subject: FW: After school care opportunities/threats

-----Original Message-----

From: s.22  
Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 1:07 PM  
To: Chen.MLA, Katrina <[Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
Cc: Minister, CC C MCF:EX <[CC.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:CC.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>

Subject: After school care opportunities/threats

Honourable Minister Chen,

s.22

Research shows that without after school care, children in this age group can be exposed to inappropriate information online, dangers around a home, and have a lack of self esteem.

In your mandate, making life more affordable is a highlighted. I have a solution to this by using existing infrastructure to accelerate after school care spaces. I also see an opportunity to have strong, sustainable and innovative impact by empowering educators through an online platform. The platform is connecting parents to after school care providers while providing Science, Tech. Engineering, Art & Math ( STEAM) programs.

I am excited to hear your thoughts on a solution to this invasive threat of lack of quality childcare in our city and cities across Canada.

Can someone on your team contact me- I'm ready to work together on a solution.

s.22

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: s.22  
Date: Tuesday, April 3, 2018 2:05:46 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Chen, Katrina MCF:EX" <[Katrina.Chen@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Katrina.Chen@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 3, 2018 at 2:04:51 PM PDT  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** s.22

Hi Niki,

Can you please help to send the following facebook inquiry to staff for a call back? She said that she tried to call the 1888 number many times and never got through. I gave her some general information.

Please note that she also asked for a meeting with me, but this is a separate request. She'd like to connect with staff about her individual situation.

Thanks!

Katrina

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s.22

Hi Katrina I do have a specific question as I can not get a hold of the operating grants. Months ago we decided to raise our fees for new families (before this initiative or the budget) because we are full we don't have anyone under the new rates yet but want to move current parent fees up in sept  
s.22

Yes for sure I have been trying for days to get through to anyone from ccof ..... I am not having any luck and am just seeing ppl being called that are increasing 2 percent ..... worse comes to worse i guess i just don't opt in!

From: Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
To: Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
Subject: Fwd: CCFRI April 25 Statistics  
Date: Thursday, April 26, 2018 12:07:53 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Massey, Christine MCF:EX" <Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca>  
**Date:** April 26, 2018 at 6:29:48 AM PDT  
**To:** "Gunn, Paula MCF:EX" <Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca>, "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca>, "Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX" <Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca>, "Bond, Allison MCF:EX" <Allison.Bond@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** "Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX" <Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: CCFRI April 25 Statistics

Here are the latest stats for April 25<sup>th</sup>. I will walk you through this at our 8am call. The list of approved organizations will be ready for posting online today.

	Estimated Eligible (A)	Contracts returned and processed into CCOF (B)	Apply to Opt In ( C )	% Apply to Opt In out of Eligible ( C )/(B)	Approved of Those Who Opted In (D)	% Approved out of Applied to Opt In (D)/( C )
Organizations	2,850	2,232	1,571	70%	1,124	72%
Facilities	3,300	2,691	2,028	75%	1,461	72%
Spaces	50,000	48,461	33,880	70%	22,927	68%

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->**Applications to opt-in received by March 27**

Of the 1,332 applications received:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->1,113 (84%) have been approved

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->6 (1%) are ineligible

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->76 (6%) are not approved. (68 of 76 Not Approved emails have been sent to providers. To date, 37 have requested reconsideration.)

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->137 have yet to submit requested additional information

<!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->**Applications to opt-in received after March 27 and by April 20**

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Over 490 new contracts received as of April 20 of which 270 (55%) have opted in. Not all of these may be elig

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: CCFRI  
Date: Monday, April 30, 2018 12:31:04 PM

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Hi Christine,

Can we please connect with this provider?

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Oreck, Mira PREM:EX" <[Mira.Oreck@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Mira.Oreck@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 30, 2018 at 12:28:53 PM PDT  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Viaud, Chantille PREM:EX" <[Chantille.Viaud@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Chantille.Viaud@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: CCFRI

Niki,  
Can you please look into this?  
Thank you,  
Mira

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**From:** Bain, Don PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 11:01 AM  
**To:** Oreck, Mira PREM:EX  
**Subject:** FW: CCFRI  
**FYI**

**From:** Charlotte Neufeld [<mailto:creativelittlelearnersbc@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 10:56 AM  
**To:** Bain, Don PREM:EX  
**Subject:** CCFRI

Good Morning Don, This is Charlotte Neufeld, the owner/operator of Creative Little Learners. Your name came to me, as a person to discuss the new initiative to decrease childcare fees for parents

I "opted in" to the childcare initiative before the deadline, in hopes that parents fees would be reduced commencing April 1st. In my application, I did make it apparent that fees were increasing in September, and that the parents were all aware of this (with my increased fees, parents fees will still be lower that what they pay now)

I received an email On March 31, 2018 stating  
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At this time, I could not decrease the parents fees for April, as I had to wait for an adjudicator. On April 11, 2018, I received a second email that mentioned that my fee increase" *Does not appear to align with your facility's historical fee increases; and Does not align with other provider fees in your area"*.

I was asked to write an explanation as to why I was increasing my fees (first time

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
 To: [Chen, Katrina MCF:EX](#)  
 Subject: Fwd: CCRFI - latest data  
 Date: Monday, April 30, 2018 10:29:11 AM

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**From:** "Massey, Christine MCF:EX" <[Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 30, 2018 at 10:06:20 AM PDT  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>, "Gunn, Paula MCF:EX" <[Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca)>, "Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX" <[Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX" <[Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca)>, "Bond, Allison MCF:EX" <[Allison.Bond@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Allison.Bond@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** CCRFI - latest data

Here are the stats as of April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Niki – I still need to clarify where the 490 are represented in here (if at all). There is also the beginning of a "work plan" below that MSKC requested. If this format works, we will continue to build it out.

Karen and Kirsten – Please run the draft news release past Steve Yong to ensure that we are properly representing the numbers.

	Estimated Eligible to Opt-In (based on 2017/18 contracts)	Actual Eligible to Opt-In (based on 2018/19 contracts in pay to date)	Applied to Opt-In	% Applied to Opt-In	Approved to Opt-In	% Approved to Opt-In
Organizations	2,850	2,273	1,766	78%	1,262	71%
Facilities	3,300	2,737	2,304	84%	1,624	70%
Spaces	50,000	49,136	39,384	80%	25,309	64%

#### CCRFI Priority Work plan

Date Opt-in Form Received	# Facilities Applied to Opt-in	# Facilities Approved	# Facilities Ineligible	# Facilities Not Approved	# More Info Requested/Incomplete	Estimated Completion Date	# Reconsideration Requests	Estimated Completion Date
1) By March 27	1332	1,123 (84%)	6 (<1%)	76 (6%) (8 not yet sent)	127 (10%)	Providers have been contacted. Awaiting info/response. One or same business day from receipt of response.	38 (56%)	30 days from Request
2) By April 20	972* (adjudicated to date)	501 (52%)	4 (<1%)	TBD	467 (48%)	Majority of providers have been contacted. Awaiting info/response. May 8 for responses received.	TBD	TBD
3) After April 20	TBD (66 contracts rec'd not yet adjudicated)	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,304</b>	<b>1,624 (70%)</b>	<b>10 (1%)</b>	<b>76 (3%)</b>	<b>594 (26%)</b>		<b>38 (56%)</b>	

\*Includes the completed opt-in applications from the list of 270 (previously reported as not adjudicated)

CCRFI April 2018 Payments	
Parent Fee Reduction	\$ 2,236,570
10% Admin Top-up	\$ 184,913
<b>CCRFI Opt-in Payments</b>	<b>\$ 2,421,483</b>



From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: CFA: Lawrence - child care subsidies  
Date: Tuesday, April 3, 2018 12:33:52 PM

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**Date:** April 3, 2018 at 12:05:23 PM PDT  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Fw: CFA: Lawrence - child care subsidies

We should connect with this group as well.

Thanks,

Katrina

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**From:** [tno@gov.bc.ca](mailto:tno@gov.bc.ca) <[tno@gov.bc.ca](mailto:tno@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 30, 2018 11:08 AM  
**Subject:** CFA: Lawrence - child care subsidies  
CFA (Victoria)  
CFA Adam Stirling  
30-Mar-2018 10:06

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From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: Child Care Budget Concerns- PO 704514  
Date: Thursday, April 5, 2018 12:58:33 PM

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**From:** "Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX" <[Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 4, 2018 at 4:30:29 PM PDT  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Child Care Budget Concerns- PO 704514

Sincerely,

**Cherie Wilson**

*Administrative Assistant to*

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Minister of State for Child Care

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**From:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 4:28 PM

**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX

**Cc:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Child Care Budget Concerns- PO 704514

Referral below from the Premier's office for MOs review and direction please. Thx.

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**From:** Huycke, Kayla PREM:EX

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 3:39 PM

**To:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Child Care Budget Concerns- PO 704514

Hello!

Would your office be able to address the concerns of this writer?

Let me know what you think.

Thank you!

Kayla

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**From:** S.22

**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 8:59 PM

**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

**Subject:** Child Care Budget Concerns

March 26, 2018

Attention: Premier Hogan,

As you are aware the Child Care Budget plan was released in March. I am a licensed In Home Multi Age provider s.22

The following are my concerns regarding this plan:

-As an In Home Multi Age I am classified as family child care and therefore my parents are eligible for a significantly less fee reduction than a group multi age despite my being an ECE.

-The government has stated that new centres will be eligible for grants to open new centres yet I have never had assistance to purchase equipment or supplies.

-The government has stated that this is a 10 year plan yet there is no information or transparency as to what the future plan is or how will it affect the in home as opposed to the non profit centres.

-I have always charged the same fee for all children yet if I am to opt in to the plan my parents with 3-5 year olds will be charged more than infants and toddlers who require more assistance.

-The plan also states that there will be thousands of more ECE's to fill positions yet there is a shortage of subs.

-ECEBC who is in partnership with the government only represents approximately 25% of the ECE's in the province.

-If I choose to opt out will I still be eligible for CCOF in future contracts.

I would appreciate clear answers to my concerns before I consider whether or not to opt in.

Thank you,

s.22

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
Cc: [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: Child care- PO 704716  
Date: Thursday, April 5, 2018 12:57:55 PM

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**From:** "Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX" <[Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 4, 2018 at 4:30:20 PM PDT  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Child care- PO 704716

Sincerely,

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**From:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 4:26 PM  
**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Child care- PO 704716

Referral below from the Premier's office for MOs review and direction please. Thx.

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**From:** Huycke, Kayla PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 12:30 PM  
**To:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Child care- PO 704716

Hey Pam,

Sending your way for review and closing on our end.

Thank you!

Kayla

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**From:** S.22  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 8:45 AM  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Child care

Hello

I just wanted to send an email to discuss some issues with the child care deductions supposed to be happening in April. Most childcare facilities are now

increasing fees due to this. In total with my increase in fees, I will be getting a \$15 discount per month in my childcare. Not exactly something that is going to help families. How this was decided and rolled out was not great. It would have been more helpful to have an additional tax refund once you file taxes and show your receipt for child care? By limiting child care facilities from raising their fees for 3 years means that they are increasing their fees now. What would have been spread out each year is now being lump sum increased and even more every month. I am so disappointed as I voted NDP for a large reason for the \$10 daycare. We have gone from that to now in reality..... I am getting \$15 discount per month. Not impressed at all.

s.22

I hope this is something you can look into further. I have contacted my local representative also.

s.22

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: Childcare Q  
Date: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 11:55:12 AM

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Please see below - status?

Thanks

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Butcher, Jared A LASS:EX" <[Jared.Butcher1@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Jared.Butcher1@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 4, 2018 at 11:36:15 AM PDT  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Childcare Q

Hi Niki,

I was wondering you had a chance to look at this question? Or is it better directed somewhere else?

Many thanks,

**Jared Butcher** | Constituency Assistant to Hon. Carole James, MLA | Victoria-Beacon Hill

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**From:** Butcher, Jared  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 4:28 PM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Childcare Q

Hi Niki,

I am hoping this is an easy question: will the existing Canada Childcare Benefits be affected by the new benefits introduced in Budget 2018?

Many thanks,

**Jared Butcher** | Constituency Assistant to Hon. Carole James, MLA | Victoria-Beacon Hill

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From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
Cc: [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: Daycare  
Date: Tuesday, April 3, 2018 10:49:07 AM  
Attachments: [Letter regarding fee differential for family daycare providers.docx](#)  
[ATT00001.htm](#)

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** s.22  
**Date:** April 1, 2018 at 10:05:58 AM PDT  
**To:** "CC Minister MCF:EX" <[CC.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:CC.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Daycare

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Chen, Katrina MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: FINALS: Child Care Month  
**Date:** Monday, April 30, 2018 7:46:53 PM  
**Attachments:** MA Child Care Month May 1 NEWS-16995.pdf  
ATT00001.htm  
ST Child Care Month May 1 2018CFD0017-000795.pdf  
ATT00002.htm  
QA CC Month Launch May 1 2018 DRAFT 3.docx  
ATT00003.htm  
childcare\_factsheet\_04.pdf  
ATT00004.htm

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**Subject:** FINALS: Child Care Month

Hi All,

Attached are the finals for tomorrow's Child Care Month media avail at Hastings Park Childcare Centre.

We will send some tweets in a bit as well.

Thanks,

**Kirsten Lauvaas**

Government Communications and Public Engagement  
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From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Chen, Katrina MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: FOR REVIEW: SN PICS Child Care Grand Opening, Apr 13th  
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 4:46:27 PM

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**From:** "Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX" <[Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 12, 2018 at 2:40:30 PM PDT  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>, "Gunn, Paula MCF:EX" <[Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX" <[Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca)>, "Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX" <[Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: FOR REVIEW: SN PICS Child Care Grand Opening, Apr 13th

Just a quick follow up – I've just spoken to PICS and it will be Devinder who introduces the Minister. They have also just confirmed that MLA Jagrup Brar will also be attending.

Thanks,  
Brendan

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**From:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 2:26 PM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX <[Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca)>  
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**Subject:** FOR REVIEW: SN PICS Child Care Grand Opening, Apr 13th

Hi both,

Please see attached speaking notes for Minister Chen to deliver at tomorrow's PICS Cloverdale Child Care Centre grand opening. I believe it will be Devinder Chattha who will introduce the Minister but am just checking with the centre to confirm.

Please let me know if you have any edits/need any more information for this.

Thank you,  
Brendan

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX](#); [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: His Highness the Aga Khan's Visit to Vancouver  
Date: Monday, April 30, 2018 8:35:22 AM  
Attachments: [His Highness The Aga Khan's Visit to B.C..pdf](#)  
[ATT00001.htm](#)

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Hey guys,

Cherie, please respond to this. MSKC would be happy to do this

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**From:** "Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX" <[Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 27, 2018 at 11:18:06 AM PDT  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX" <[Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** His Highness the Aga Khan's Visit to Vancouver

Hi Niki,

I was wondering if you could run this by Minister Chen?

Sincerely,

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**From:** Imran Hemani **S.22**

**Sent:** Friday, April 27, 2018 10:09 AM

**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX

**Subject:** His Highness the Aga Khan's Visit to Vancouver

Hello Niki

I called your office yesterday and staff directed me to contact you.

The Ismaili Community is gearing up for His Highness The Aga Khan's visit to Vancouver on May 5 and 6, 2018. His Highness The Aga Khan has a following of 15 million world wide, as you can imagine we are very excited for his arrival.

We wanted to reach out to Minister Chen and introduce ourselves. Premier Horgan attended the Ismaili Centre, Burnaby in November of 2017 and I am not to sure if Minister Chen has had the opportunity to tour our centre. If not, we would love to arrange for a time for her and members of her staff to do that.

Also, in anticipation of His Highness's arrival, would it be possible for the Minister to read out a statement in the Legislature? MLA Kang graciously provided a statement two weeks ago regarding the Ismaili Community's achievement of reaching our target mark of one million hours of volunteer work Canada wide, in honour of Canada's 150th.

Attached is a backgrounder of His Highness's visit.

Please do let me know if Minister Chen would be willing to read out a statement in the Leg, we would be very grateful. Also please feel free to call me, I would love to answer any questions about our community and this historic visit by His Highness The Aga Khan.

Regards,

Imran Hemani

Ismaili Centre, Burnaby

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Is your Minister attending the City of Vancouver's apology to Chinese Canadians on April 22?  
**Date:** Friday, April 13, 2018 8:33:36 AM

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Hi Cherie,

Please look in to this for Katrina

Thanks

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**From:** "Chen, Katrina MCF:EX" <[Katrina.Chen@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Katrina.Chen@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 12, 2018 at 5:04:29 PM PDT  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Is your Minister attending the City of Vancouver's apology to Chinese Canadians on April 22?

What time will this event happen – and where?

I have other engagements after 11am so not sure if I can make it. Thanks!

Katrina

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 3:32 PM  
**To:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Is your Minister attending the City of Vancouver's apology to Chinese Canadians on April 22?

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

**The Hon. Katrina Chen**

Minister of State for Child Care

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**From:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 3:34 PM  
**To:** Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX  
**Cc:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** RE: Is your Minister attending the City of Vancouver's apology to Chinese Canadians on April 22?

Hi Charlotte, MKC is at the Secwepemc Water Gathering that weekend in Invermere so she will not be able to make it – I imagine MSKC will want to be there and her calendar is not currently committed, but cc'g Niki to have that confirmed.

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**From:** Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX

**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 1:08 PM

**To:** LP Senior Ministerial Assistants

**Subject:** Is your Minister attending the City of Vancouver's apology to Chinese Canadians on April 22?

Hi folks,

Can you please just quickly let me know if your minister is planning to attend the City of Vancouver's apology to Chinese Canadians on April 22<sup>nd</sup>?

Thanks,

Charlotte

Charlotte Kingston,

Manager of Stakeholder Relations

Office of the Premier

Mobile: 604-816-7207

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Oreck, Mira PREM:EX](#); [Viaud, Chantille PREM:EX](#); [Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Llist of approved facilities  
**Date:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 1:32:46 PM  
**Attachments:** CCFRI Approved Facilities with Phone and Postal Code April 25 2018.xlsx  
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**Date:** April 26, 2018 at 1:32:18 PM PDT  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Llist of approved facilities

Attached. Only the name, city and phone number will be published.

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Chen, Katrina MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: MAY 1 VISIT: Information  
Date: Saturday, April 28, 2018 11:37:24 AM  
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

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**Date:** April 27, 2018 at 7:20:43 PM PDT  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: MAY 1 VISIT: Information

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**Date:** April 27, 2018 at 7:13:37 PM PDT  
**To:** "Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX" <[kirsten.lauvaas@gov.bc.ca](mailto:kirsten.lauvaas@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Badger, Joleen GCPE:EX" <[joleen.badger@gov.bc.ca](mailto:joleen.badger@gov.bc.ca)>, "Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX" <[karen.v.johnston@gov.bc.ca](mailto:karen.v.johnston@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: MAY 1 VISIT: Information

This looks good, we'll be ready.

Coffee/muffins are a good idea, if you're team can arrange that would be even better.

While we place emphasis on infant toddler, site also has 3-5 year-olds so we will notify those parents too. Thank you for the forms.

I can be reached at 604-657-3908 as necessary.

Mark

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**From:** Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX <[Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 27, 2018 5:24:52 PM  
**To:** Mark Gifford

**Cc:** Badger, Joleen GCPE:EX; Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX

**Subject:** MAY 1 VISIT: Information

Hi Mark,

Just following up on our call with you this morning to give you a sense of what to expect from our visit on Tuesday with Minister of State for Child Care Katrina Chen.

May is Child Care Month in B.C. As a way to kick off the month, Minister of State for Child Care Katrina Chen will visit the Hastings Park Childcare Centre (Infant and Toddler program) in Vancouver to meet with parents, talk about the child care fee reduction initiative and other key programs that will roll out as part of Childcare BC, and unveil the new brand for the program.

During the month, Childcare BC decals will be mailed to all child care providers who have opted in to the fee reduction so they have a visual way to indicate their participation in the program. Minister Chen will bring a decal for your site, and the decal can be placed on the window as part of the event.

Thank you for working to find some parents who could stay to speak to Minister Chen for 15 minutes or so about child care, ask questions, share concerns and generally kick off the month. I have attached a consent and release form for parents to sign (as they may be in photos and videos) and if they are okay for their kids to be photographed, that would be helpful to know as well. Do you think we should order some coffee, tea and muffins for parents to enjoy/take away with them when they drop their children off or are they usually in a rush? If you can get a group of parents together (6-10) who are available to stay and talk to the minister, that would work well.

The meet and greet and media availability will happen during drop off, between 8 and 9 a.m. A draft program is included below.

**Draft Program**

7:00 a.m.		Events team arrives on site to begin set up – displays signage, flowers, streamers, coffee, tea, etc.
7:30 a.m.		Minister Chen arrives at the centre and meets staff, gets a brief tour of the space
8:00 a.m.		Parents arrive to drop off their children; Minister Chen greets them, talks with them  Photo Op/Video Op
8:30 a.m.		Media arrive
	15 min	Minister Chen sits down with group of parents and they talk about the child care issues that matter to them. Minister answers any questions they may have.  Photo Op/Video Op
8:50 a.m.	10 min	Media Q and A



9:00 a.m.		Minister Chen departs
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Thank you, Mark. Please let us know if you have any questions/concerns.



**Kirsten Lauvaas**

Government Communications and Public Engagement

Ministry of Children and Family Development

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From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Chen, Katrina MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: MLA Fee Reduction FAQs  
Date: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 7:25:28 PM  
Attachments: KM-QA MLAs Child Care March 28 FINAL.docx  
ATT00001.htm

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See attached. Does this work or should we update

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**Date:** April 24, 2018 at 6:40:11 PM PDT  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: MLA Fee Reduction FAQs

Resending what we sent over previously. Shall we tweak and have you get it back to MLA's again.

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<[Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca)>  
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**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX"  
<[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** MLA Fee Reduction FAQs

Hi Niki, final version as requested.  
Thanks,

Brendan

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From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: Msg: Louise Hetherington - Opt in on child care  
Date: Monday, April 16, 2018 2:57:12 PM

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FYI - can staff connect with her

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**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** **Msg: s.22 - Opt in on child care**

Hey,  
s.22 is the provider of s.22 that has opted into the plan April 1<sup>st</sup> and Hasn't gotten her refund back yet. She has called and talked to Nayla who is a project team leader for MCFD and she was trying to find answers for s.22 but no luck. She is wanting a call back from Minister Chens staff to tell her when she will get her refund back s.22

s.22

Sincerely,

**Cherie Wilson**

*Administrative Assistant to*

**The Hon. Katrina Chen**

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From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
Cc: [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: New Childcare Fee Initiative- PO 704754  
Date: Thursday, April 5, 2018 12:57:10 PM

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**From:** "Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX" <[Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 4, 2018 at 4:30:12 PM PDT  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: New Childcare Fee Initiative- PO 704754

Sincerely,

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**From:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 4:25 PM

**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX

**Cc:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: New Childcare Fee Initiative- PO 704754

Referral below from the Premier's office for MOs review and direction please. Thx.

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**From:** Huycke, Kayla PREM:EX

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 12:39 PM

**To:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: New Childcare Fee Initiative- PO 704754

Hello again,

Directing your way in case your ministry would like to respond. We will be closing on our end.

Thank you!

Kayla

**From:** S.22

**Sent:** Friday, March 30, 2018 12:08 PM

**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

**Subject:** New Childcare Fee Initiative

Dear Premier Horgan,

I am writing to voice my concerns over the recent new initiative made by your government to help my working family with our childrens' monthly daycare fees.

When we heard that the provincial government was going help alleviate some financial stress on our monthly budget by reducing my son's monthly daycare fee by 350 dollars, we were cautiously intrigued. You've cut bridge tolls. You've cut down MSP. ICBC is in trouble. Gas prices at at an all-time high...and climbing and and the carbon tax is hated by all. You're raising taxes elsewhere. People were fine paying for tolls - the bridge had to be paid. People were fine paying with MSP - the amount was based on one's income. I haven't saved 1 cent since your government came into power. Is this really going to happen for us? An extra 350 dollars a month for our family would make a really big difference.

No. It is not going to happen for us.

Why? Because your government did not effectively consult with daycare owners to come up with an initiative that is beneficial to both working parents and our early child educators ("ECE") and daycare owners. Both of our kids' daycares will not be opting-in because it is not in their best interests to do so. THEIR interests align with MY interests. My childrens' daycare owners require full antonomy over their own businesses. These educators, who care for my precious children, deserve to be well compensated, well paid and well treated. They deserve regular raises and good benefits. It's not just me, a working parent, who needs to have more money in my pocket. My childrens' educators do as well.

- Proposed savings per month by your government: \$350.

- Actual savings per month: \$0.

The concerns voiced by my childrens' daycare centres, are as follows:

1. In order to opt in to the new CCOF program, operators are forced to give up control over their fees. All fee increases must be approved by the funding body and a two-year fee history must be submitted with the application. This gives rise to concerns about our ability to respond to increasing costs such as facility rent, staff wages etc. The implementation of the program is being rushed and operators are not being given sufficient time to consider the long term impact of this program.

2. Fair compensation for educators has not been addressed. Easily the largest problem for operators across BC is maintaining staff due to historically low wages. Our pricing structure has always been a difficult balance between parent fees, operating costs, and staff wages.

If the government fails to increase funding for staff wages soon, the industry will continue to see a significant number of ECE professionals leaving for other fields of work. This may result in child care programs closing or the need to sizeably increase parent fees to top up staff wages.

3. While the new CCOF reduced fee incentive is beneficial to parents, as it currently stands, it has many unanswered questions from the entire early childhood education community ( students, educators, families and owners ). The unveiling of the new Child Care Plan has invoked utter chaos, frustration and anger. The time lines for implementation are far too tight, and the specific details vague and misleading. The Child Care

Fee Reduction Initiative threatens to limit the operations of child care programs. We are being pressured to give up control of the programs we created with no guarantees for the future.

If they are misguided, then let them know and arm them with more information. As your average, working adult voter who doesn't have much time to listen to every news release you direct at me or regularly dive into deep analysis of every political campaign promise and budget announcement. My impression of this initiative is that you are trying hard to provide financial relief to us parents with children in daycare, but it was done in such a cavalier-way that your government have no plan, no idea how this plan would be executed, funded and what LONG-TERM effects your plan will it have on the daycares in our communities. Your government did a very poor job of communicating with daycares on HOW this plan was going to be executed and with the information being spit-fired in such a sporadic, inconsistent fashion, it suggests that your government is flying by the seat of your pants, that you are making this up as you go along and your actions do not raise any confidence in hopes that your government is in a leadership role. So your childcare fee initiative is all only smoke and mirrors. The Liberals are all about the hive. The NDP is all about the worker bees. YOU need to find better ways and carve your own NDP legacy. Balance is key.

s.22

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Chen, Katrina MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: OPPORTUNITY: May 22 - ECEC event at VIU  
Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 3:04:51 PM

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**Subject: RE: OPPORTUNITY: May 22 - ECEC event at VIU**

Thanks Kirsten. Looks like MKC might be travelling in northern BC that day. Over to Niki for MSKC's consideration!

Alisma

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**From:** Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 2:26 PM  
**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Perry, Alisma, MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX; D'Souza, Pamela GCPE:EX; Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX; Brandt, Keely GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** OPPORTUNITY: May 22 - ECEC event at VIU  
Hi Paula & Alisma,  
AEST and Vancouver Island University are planning an event on May 22 (11 a.m.) at VIU's Cowichan Campus. Some details are below. They'd like to know if Minister Conroy is available to attend and speak? I've cc'd Niki as well because this has an early years focus so if MKC is unable to go, perhaps MSKC could go instead.

This could be part of an island tour during break week. . . .

Thanks,  
Kirsten

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**From:** Frattaroli, Angela GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018 8:29 AM  
**To:** Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** ECEC event at VIU  
Good morning Kirsten,  
We are working on an event to announce \$815,000 in funding to support the delivery of an Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) program at Vancouver Island

University's Cowichan Campus in partnership with Stz'uminus First Nation and Cowichan Tribes. The program was a submission through our ministry's Aboriginal Community-Based Training Partnerships program call for proposals, but the funding was a partnership between AEST and CFD.

VIU and our MO have agreed on a date of May 22. MO has requested that the event be at 11 am.

Would Minister Conroy be available to speak?

Thank you,

Angela

Angela Frattaroli

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From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: PICS Child Care Centre Grand Opening - Rescheduled Date  
Date: Tuesday, April 3, 2018 3:53:25 PM

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**Subject:** Re: PICS Child Care Centre Grand Opening - Rescheduled Date

I can try - I'll be travelling from Victoria that morning and may be able to make it by 10:30am. Thanks!

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On Apr 3, 2018, at 3:17 PM, Sharma, Niki MCF:EX <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

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**Subject:** PICS Child Care Centre Grand Opening - Rescheduled Date

Hi All,

The PICS child care centre grand opening was rescheduled from this week to April 13. The centre would like to invite Minister Conroy to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony. Please could you let me know if she is available, or if someone else will attend in her place? See below for timing and location.

Thank you,  
Brendan

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**From:** Judy Pavlovic [<mailto:Judy.Pavlovic@pics.bc.ca>]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 8, 2018 2:42 PM

**To:** Schaeffer, Nathan MCF:EX

**Cc:** Satbir Cheema; XT:Chattha, Devinder MAH:IN

**Subject:** Re: Invitation - Save the Date (PICS Child Care Centre in Cloverdale)

**Invitation: Save the Date**

*Hello Nathan,*

Please find attached a poster with our new opening date of

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>** (not April 1<sup>st</sup>).

Progressive Intercultural Community Services (PICS) Society is excited to be opening a new Child Care Centre in Cloverdale tentatively on April 3rd, 2018. This child care centre is fully licensed for 30 months to School age offering year-round child care and early education for children. It is a child oriented center where all the children will learn through play in a safe and nurturing environment. We are however waiting for final operational licensing and will update you accordingly.

Honourable Katrine Conroy is invited to the **Opening Ceremony / Ribbon Cutting** being held on:

**Date: Friday, April 13th, 2018**

**Place: 6050 – 176 Street, Cloverdale (Shannon Hall, Cloverdale Exhibition Grounds)**

**Time: 10:30 AM**

Please let us know who all will be attending. We hope to see Hon. Katrine Conroy there!

Regards,

**Judy Pavlovic**

Executive Administrative Assistant

Progressive Intercultural Community Services (PICS) Society

Unit #205, 12725 - 80th Avenue, Surrey, BC V3W 3A6

**Tel:** 604.596.7722, ext: 105 **Fax:** 604.596.7721

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Gunn, Paula MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: review of implementation  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 12:54:34 PM  
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**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Benn, Jennifer MCF:EX" <[Jennifer.Benn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jennifer.Benn@gov.bc.ca)>, "Cain, Krista A MCF:EX" <[Krista.Cain@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Krista.Cain@gov.bc.ca)>, "Bond, Allison MCF:EX" <[Allison.Bond@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Allison.Bond@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** review of implementation

Niki – attached is a document to assist with the discussion at 1pm. It's also had input from Karen J.

cm

Christine Massey, Assistant Deputy Minister  
Early Years & Inclusion, Ministry of Children & Family Development  
Desk: 778-698-7121 Mobile: 250-415-0590

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: RUSH: Childcare operating fund program and the new parent fee reduction- PO 704926  
Date: Thursday, April 5, 2018 12:52:39 PM

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Please see below.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX" <[Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 5, 2018 at 11:40:58 AM PDT  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: RUSH: Childcare operating fund program and the new parent fee reduction- PO 704926

PO office has resent this. Writer is threatening to send out to media outlets.

Sincerely,

**Cherie Wilson**

*Administrative Assistant to*

**The Hon. Katrina Chen**

Minister of State for Child Care

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**From:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 11:24 AM  
**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RUSH: Childcare operating fund program and the new parent fee reduction- PO 704926  
Please see below, PO re-sending referral below for MOS review and attention.  
Initial request sent to MOS on March 28.  
Note: Writer is also threatening media involvement. See highlighted section below.  
Thanks,  
Pam

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**From:** Huycke, Kayla PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 10:18 AM  
**To:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Childcare operating fund program and the new parent fee reduction- PO 704926  
Hi Pam,

This is just a further to from a writer whose email I sent to you earlier this week.  
We will be closing this particular correspondence on our end.

Thanks so much,  
Kayla

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 8:53 AM

**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

**Subject:** Re: Childcare operating fund program and the new parent fee reduction

Dear Honourable Mr. John Horgan,

I'm sure you are very busy, but I'm still waiting for a reply on the matter below.

Unsure if you received my email from March 22, I'm sending this again.

With the unfair funding amounts now in effect, I am anxious to receive an answer, and ideally a correction of the matter.

Meanwhile, I'm thinking the Supreme Court may be very interested to learn about the discrimination of parents and daycare providers.

Perhaps it would be possible to respond - or correct - within the next 5 business days, before this will be sent to every media outlet in the country.

Regards,

s.22

On Mar 22, 2018, at 9:40 AM, s.22

s.22

wrote:

Dear Honourable Mr. John Horgan,

Thank you very much for following through on your promise to make childcare more affordable. This is a great win for parents and daycare providers alike.

The new child care operating fund program has started to send out amended contracts to providers.

There is one point in these contracts that causes a huge problem with providers and parents alike:

The unfair funding amounts!

The parent cost reduction for a daycare spot in a group daycare is much greater than it is for the same child in a home daycare.

This leads to unfair advantage of group daycare providers, who are now able to drop prices lower than home daycares. It discriminates home daycare providers and manipulates the market through government prices towards group daycares.

It also discriminates parents that have no opportunity to attend a group daycare. Their discount is essentially much less.

There is no difference between the care provided in a professional home daycare or a group daycare other than the number of children allowed.

Why are the funding amounts for parents different?

I am asking you for an official statement and an explanation as to why the government has decided to discriminate one parent over another, and why the government is discriminating home daycares?

This system represents a massive scale market manipulation that will - in the mid to long term - eliminate home daycares. These hard working people will lose their income and customers to large corporate style group daycares.

It seems very much like an illegal interference with free market concepts.

The government and any of its programs should not manipulate the

marketing an unfair way.

I'm sending this message to you only and have not made this request public. I'm a true believer that you and your government can deliver on correcting such unfair treatment without a public stir - it might even provide you with an opportunity to shine as fair leader. I'm hoping you are already aware of the outcry this has caused among providers and parents over the last weeks. It's time to take correcting action before this becomes yet another media-driven problem.

I'm look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for taking this issue seriously.

Sincerely,

s.22

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**From:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 28, 2018 6:03 PM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Cc:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Childcare operating fund program and the new parent fee reduction-PO 704187

Please see below, referral from the PO for MOS' review and direction.

Thanks,

Pam

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**From:** Huycke, Kayla PREM:EX

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 1:35 PM

**To:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Childcare operating fund program and the new parent fee reduction-PO 704187

Hi Pam!

Would your office be able to respond to this one?

Let me know what you think!

Thank you ☺

Kayla

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**From** s.22

**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 9:40 AM

**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

**Subject:** Childcare operating fund program and the new parent fee reduction

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Sincerely,

s.22

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Chen, Katrina MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: SCD DN  
Date: Monday, April 16, 2018 5:56:04 PM  
Attachments: 237171 TBS ELCC - SCD.docx  
ATT00001.htm

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FYI - Minister Conroys signed

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Gunn, Paula MCF:EX" <[Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 16, 2018 at 5:54:35 PM PDT  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** SCD DN

FYI Niki



From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Chen, Katrina MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: ST\_Child Care Month\_May 1 2018\_DRAFT 8 (3)  
Date: Saturday, April 28, 2018 11:36:42 AM  
Attachments: ST\_Child Care Month\_May 1 2018\_DRAFT 7 (3).docx  
ATT00001.htm

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX" <[Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 27, 2018 at 3:53:47 PM PDT  
**To:** "Gibbs, Robb GCPE:EX" <[Robb.Gibbs@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Robb.Gibbs@gov.bc.ca)>, "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>, "Gunn, Paula MCF:EX" <[Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Massey, Christine MCF:EX" <[Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca)>, "Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX" <[Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** ST\_Child Care Month\_May 1 2018\_DRAFT 8 (3)

In the interest of time – sending to everyone. Kirsten and I are happy to work on this over the weekend so that we are ready to go for an early Tues am (May 1<sup>st</sup>) release Niki – I have three decals. Minister needs one for centre where we will hold the availability and Mark can take the other two for the other centres. Stay tuned for the one pager. Graphics should have that to me by days end. Karl walked us through the micro site – 'tis cute in a new day way – and Kirsten and Brendan have tweaked copy which Karl now has. An IN will be done to cover ad costs. That's it for now – Happy Friday – late afternoon – nearly the weekend ☺  
kj

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Chen, Katrina MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: Status of adjudication and next steps  
Date: Monday, April 9, 2018 10:32:22 AM

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Massey, Christine MCF:EX" <[Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 9, 2018 at 10:31:48 AM PDT  
**To:** "Bond, Allison MCF:EX" <[Allison.Bond@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Allison.Bond@gov.bc.ca)>, "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>, "Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX" <[Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca)>, "Gunn, Paula MCF:EX" <[Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Barry, Jonathan MCF:EX" <[Jonathan.Barry@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jonathan.Barry@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Status of adjudication and next steps

s.13



From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: Universal Childcare  
Date: Monday, April 30, 2018 9:42:20 AM  
Attachments: [Minister Chen.docx](#)  
[ATT00001.htm](#)

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Hi Rhea,

I believe I may have missed this one? Please check if it is clipped

Thanks

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "CC Minister MCF:EX" <[CC.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:CC.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** March 23, 2018 at 3:05:26 PM PDT  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Universal Childcare

For your Review/Action  
Thankyou  
Kaitlin

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**From:** Chen.MLA, Katrina [<mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 11:18 AM  
**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Universal Childcare  
**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 10:40 AM  
**To:** Chen.MLA, Katrina <[Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Universal Childcare

Dear Hon. Minister Katrina Chen,

I would really appreciate if you could take time to read the letter. We as a Multi-Age childcare group have some concerns. Hope you can assist us in this matter.

Thank you

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s.22

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: UPDATED: Child Care KMs for MLAs  
**Date:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 12:12:20 PM  
**Attachments:** KM-QA MLAs Child Care Update April 26 2018 DRAFT 2.docx  
ATT00001.htm

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX" <[Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 26, 2018 at 11:29:18 AM PDT  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>, "Gunn, Paula MCF:EX" <[Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX" <[Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca)>, "Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX" <[Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** **UPDATED: Child Care KMs for MLAs**

Hi Niki,

Here's an updated version of the key messages for MLAs. I've added numbers as of April 20 into Q3. Let me know if you have any changes.

Thanks,

Brendan

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Brendan Wright  
Public Affairs Officer  
Government Communications and Public Engagement  
Ministry of Children and Family Development  
E: [brendan.wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:brendan.wright@gov.bc.ca)  
T: (250) 356-2028

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: UPDATED: FOR REVIEW: ST\_Child Care Month\_May 1 2018\_DRAFT 9  
Date: Monday, April 30, 2018 12:53:47 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Gibbs, Robb GCPE:EX" <[Robb.Gibbs@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Robb.Gibbs@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 30, 2018 at 12:50:30 PM PDT  
**To:** "Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX" <[Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX" <[Don.Zadravec@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Don.Zadravec@gov.bc.ca)>, "LeGuilloux, Marg GCPE:EX" <[Marg.LeGuilloux@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Marg.LeGuilloux@gov.bc.ca)>, "Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX" <[Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca)>, "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>, "Gunn, Paula MCF:EX" <[Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca)>, "Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX" <[Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca)>, "Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX" <[Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca)>, "Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX" <[Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca)>, "Massey, Christine MCF:EX" <[Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: UPDATED: FOR REVIEW: ST\_Child Care Month\_May 1 2018\_DRAFT 9

Hi  
I have a few little changes which I can provide when done my meeting.  
R

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 30, 2018, at 12:48 PM, Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX  
<[Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi All,  
Have added the number of spaces that have applied to opt in. . . .  
Kirsten

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**From:** Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 12:29 PM  
**To:** Gibbs, Robb GCPE:EX; Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX; LeGuilloux, Marg GCPE:EX; Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX; Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX; Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX; Massey, Christine MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FOR REVIEW: ST\_Child Care Month\_May 1 2018\_DRAFT 9  
**Importance:** High  
Hi All,  
Here is the Statement on Child Care Month for your final review and

approval. Please note the following two links are not yet live but will be later today:

Childcare BC: [www.childcare.gov.bc.ca](http://www.childcare.gov.bc.ca)

To see a list of the child-care providers who are participating in the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative, visit: [www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/running-daycare-preschool/child-care-operating-funding/child-care-fee-reduction-initiative-info-for-parents/child-care-fee-reduction-initiative-provider-opt-in-status](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/running-daycare-preschool/child-care-operating-funding/child-care-fee-reduction-initiative-info-for-parents/child-care-fee-reduction-initiative-provider-opt-in-status)

I will send this up to the editors for V5 no later than 1:45 today, so please flag any issues before then.

Thanks,

**Kirsten Lauvaas**

Government Communications and Public Engagement

Ministry of Children and Family Development

**250 356-1553 | 250 213-5572**

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#); [Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: Urgent Childcare provider inquiry  
Date: Monday, April 30, 2018 9:40:29 AM

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Morning,

Can staff connect with this provider? Thanks

Niki

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Chen.MLA, Katrina LASS:EX" <[Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 30, 2018 at 9:38:54 AM PDT  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>, "CC Minister MCF:EX" <[CC.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:CC.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>, "Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX" <[Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Fw: Urgent Childcare provider inquiry

Hi,

I'm forwarding it to both of Niki and Jasleen as I'm not sure if the protocol changed. If you want it to just go to one of you, let us know and I'll update everyone.

Thanks,

Derek

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From: s.22  
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 8:22 AM  
To: Chen.MLA, Katrina  
Subject: Urgent

My name is s.22 I'm a Multi-Age childcare provider. I do understand that Miss Chen is extremely busy but it is urgent that I speak with her. I have sent few emails to Minister Chen. I have received no reply. I don't want to loose my business due to Opt Inn agreement. I have opted in but got denied fee reduction plan. I would not send so many emails if it was not important. I would really appreciate if she can call me please.

Thank you  
s.22

Sent from my iPhone



From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Fwd: your invitation to write to you about issues of concern  
Date: Thursday, April 5, 2018 10:53:18 AM  
Attachments: [Katrina.Chen.pdf.pdf](#)  
[ATT00001.htm](#)

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Minister reply

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** s.22  
**Date:** April 4, 2018 at 11:59:17 AM PDT  
**To:** "CC Minister MCF:EX" <[CC.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:CC.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** s.22  
**Subject:** your invitation to write to you about issues of concern

Dear Honorable Katrina:

At a recent Greater Vancouver Taiwanese Lunar New Year dinner, you kindly invited me to write to you for issues of public concern. I am attaching a letter to this effect. Thank you for your diligence in allowing public access to you.

Thank you for your attention.

s.22

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: s.22  
Subject: Hello  
Date: Friday, April 6, 2018 4:07:39 PM

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Hi s.22

Hope you are well. I left you a voicemail with my phone number. It sounds like from Minister Chen that you didn't receive it?

My number is s.22

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [trussel@ywcavan.org](mailto:trussel@ywcavan.org)  
**Subject:** Invitation  
**Date:** Friday, April 6, 2018 1:12:08 PM

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Hi Tracey,

I received your email about an invitation to speak. Please let me know about the details of the event. My number is  
s.22 if you want to talk over the phone.

Thanks!

Niki

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** MAy Calendar  
**Date:** Friday, April 27, 2018 1:42:18 PM  
**Attachments:** Draft May Calendar.docx

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Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

**The Hon. Katrina Chen**

Minister of State for Child Care

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**To:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX; Massey, Christine MCF:EX  
**Cc:** White, Emily MCF:EX; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Subject:** May cc tour plan  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 9:38:09 AM

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Hello Everyone,

Here are our thoughts on the May child care tour. Locations and times may have to be adjusted because of travel. Please let us know your advice on places to visit in the region.

MSKC (Northwest coast)

- 1) Monday(possible travel day), Tuesday, Wednesday - Smithers, Prince Rupert (or other locations in region)
- 2) Thursday – Sunshine Coast (if MKC is doing Aboriginal Head Start announcement, we could find on or off-reserve child care to visit with MSKC)
- 3) Friday – Coquitlam (locations were already mapped out, we just had to cancel a couple times)

MKC ( Northeast, Kootenays)

- 1) M-W: opt-in decal visits in West Kootenay
- 2) Thursday: Prince George – do Aboriginal HeadStart announcement  
- visit an opted in childcare
- 3) Friday: Nelson: Visit Nelson opted-in childcare  
Speak to the West Kootenay Early Years Conference/awards

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

**The Hon. Katrina Chen**

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [White, Emily MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: April 20 - RE: Armstrong / Minister Chen  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 3:11:39 PM

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Yes. thanks

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

**The Hon. Katrina Chen**

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 2:08 PM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: April 20 - RE: Armstrong / Minister Chen  
**Importance:** High

I understand Will from EDUC spoke w/ you regarding this? Am I good to confirm MSKC's attendance? She is free during that time and I have put a hold in her calendar.

**Emily White**

*Administrative Coordinator*

**The Hon. Katrine Conroy**

Minister of Children and Family Development

**The Hon. Katrina Chen**

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**From:** Hahn, Andra EDUC:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 2:06 PM  
**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: April 20 - RE: Armstrong / Minister Chen  
Hi Emily

Please let me know asap when this is confirmed in Minister Chen's calendar. We are hoping for 10:30 a.m. April 20<sup>th</sup> rather than 11am as MRF needs to be downtown for a luncheon.

THanks again,

Andra

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 12:42 PM  
**To:** Maartman, William EDUC:EX; Fillion, Corinna GCPE:EX

Cc: Hahn, Andra EDUC:EX; Harrison, Veronica EDUC:EX; Tackaberry, Emily GCPE:EX

Subject: RE: Armstrong / Minister Chen

The SD can do 1030am or 11am on the 20th--will either of those work?

Sean

-----Original Message-----

From: Maartman, William EDUC:EX

Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 2:28 PM

To: Filion, Corinna GCPE:EX

Cc: Hahn, Andra EDUC:EX; Harrison, Veronica EDUC:EX; Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX; Tackaberry, Emily GCPE:EX

Subject: Re: Armstrong / Minister Chen

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 9, 2018, at 2:25 PM, Filion, Corinna GCPE:EX <[Corinna.Filion@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Corinna.Filion@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

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> The district is checking to see if that works. Waiting to hear back

>

> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Apr 9, 2018, at 2:24 PM, Maartman, William EDUC:EX <[William.Maartman@gov.bc.ca](mailto:William.Maartman@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

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>> Hey Folks - have we landed on a possible date for this again...? Minister Chen is free on the 20th and I believe MRF has time in morning as well. Thanks!

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>> W

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>> Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** "[Lesli Boldt](#)"  
**Subject:** RE: CabSubPPT Dec5cm.pptx  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 4:50:50 PM

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HAVE FUN!

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

**The Hon. Katrina Chen**

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**From:** Lesli Boldt [<mailto:lesli@boldtcommunications.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 4:48 PM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Cc:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX

**Subject:** Re: CabSubPPT Dec5cm.pptx

Thanks, Niki - s.22

will pass along to the team who's working on these

materials s.22

I see what you mean re: simple visuals and infographics.

talk soon

Lesli

On Apr 25, 2018, at 4:41 PM, Sharma, Niki MCF:EX <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hello Lesli,

As promised, here is the PowerPoint with some of our diagrams used to communicate the plan internally. I know they are in need of work to get to the level of public consumption, but hopefully it gives you an idea of what I think we are missing in our public communication. – diagrams about vision and comprehensive nature of plans.

Thanks

Niki

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s.22

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#); [Gunn, Paula MCF:EX](#); [White, Emily MCF:EX](#); [Brown, Edena MCF:EX](#); [Talbot, Sarena AEST:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Call for Records CFD-2018-82814 Due May 1, 2018  
**Date:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 10:52:31 AM

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I have no records

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

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**From:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX

**Sent:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 10:44 AM

**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; White, Emily MCF:EX; Brown, Edena MCF:EX; Talbot, Sarena AEST:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** RE: Call for Records CFD-2018-82814 Due May 1, 2018

MSKC and myself have no records.

Sincerely,

**Cherie Wilson**

*Administrative Assistant to*

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**From:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 5:42 PM

**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX; Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX; Brown, Edena MCF:EX; Talbot, Sarena AEST:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Call for Records CFD-2018-82814 Due May 1, 2018

Please review for any communications with Andrew Weaver between October 1 and March 31<sup>st</sup> inclusive and send any relevant records to Emily. Due to Carmen by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Emily I have no records.

***All communication between Andrew Weaver and the Minister/Minister of State or their staff.***

***Date Range: 10/01/2017 to 03/31/2018***

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**From:** Laphorne, Carmen MCF:EX

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 12:02 PM

**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX

**Cc:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX

**Subject:** NEW: Call for Records CFD-2018-82814 Due May 1, 2018

Hi Paula,

We have received the following FOI request:

***All communication between Andrew Weaver and the Minister/Minister of State or their staff.***

***Date Range: 10/01/2017 to 03/31/2018***

Would the MO hold the records?

If so, please have the records to me by **May 1, 2018**

If search and retrieval is expected to exceed 3 hours or 200 pages please let me know as we may be in a position to issue a fee estimate.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Carmen

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: CC Portfolio Roadmap\_detailed\_udpated Apr 6.xlsx  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 1:23:52 PM  
**Attachments:** Copy of CC Portfolio Roadmap\_detailed\_udpated Apr 18.xlsx

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Hi Christine,

Thinking we should keep the working document simple. For the bones of the working document, I just added a tab for CCFRI, with some of the questions that MSKC had. Please fill in with the deliverables and timelines that you see are reasonable.

I know it's not fancy but we can work with it as a start. I can then share with MSKC so she see what's coming up.

Thanks

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

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**From:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 3:20 PM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: CC Portfolio Roadmap\_detailed\_udpated Apr 6.xlsx  
Niki – here is the roadmap we reviewed last week with Ministers

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**From:** Bailey, Kiera MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 3:16 PM  
**To:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX  
**Subject:** CC Portfolio Roadmap\_detailed\_udpated Apr 6.xlsx

Here you go!

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#); [Gunn, Paula MCF:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Bond, Allison MCF:EX](#); [Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: cc provider letter received today  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 11:34:27 AM

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Yes, please.

Thanks

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

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**From:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 11:20 AM  
**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Bond, Allison MCF:EX; Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: cc provider letter received today

I can ask staff to contact her to explain the reconsideration process. Does that work?

cm

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**From:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 7:51 AM  
**To:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** cc provider letter received today  
Christine, can you have the program area look into this please?  
**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 7:37 AM  
**To:** [katrine.convoy@gov.bc.ca](mailto:katrine.convoy@gov.bc.ca); Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; marianne whitaker  
**Subject:** Fwd: Childcare Operating Funding Program - Urgent decision required

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** s.22  
**Date:** Sun, Apr 22, 2018 at 10:25 PM  
**Subject:** Childcare Operating Funding Program - Urgent decision required  
**To:** [Katrina.chen@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Katrina.chen@leg.bc.ca)  
**Cc:** [Katrine.conroy.mls@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Katrine.conroy.mls@leg.bc.ca), [mcf.minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:mcf.minister@gov.bc.ca)

Dear Katrine Conroy: Minister of Children and Family Development and Katrina Chen: Minister of State for Child Care

It is with great disappointment that I am having to write this email to you personally, after already using so much of my personal time supporting the new Child Care Fee Reduction Program.

s.22

I understand that new programs or initiatives will be introduced in the future for staff and education opportunities and I feel that this should've been made clear to providers before this initiative was rolled out. I have as a small business owner paid for and encouraged five employees to obtain upgrades from ECEA to ECE level and I am confused as why I should've done this to benefit the workforce and my families with qualified staff when I am unable to financially reward them for upgrading and contributing to the Child Care work force

By not approving my centre for this initiative, it will only penalize families, my business, my staff's job security and children will be without an amazing centre where they are cared for and nurtured

My point in writing this is to bring this to your attention, seeking your advice on how I can have this decision overturned so I am able to participate in this program that I support so I can benefit my families. I look forward to hearing from you in due course

Regards

s.22

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Gunn, Paula MCF:EX](#)  
Cc: [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#); [Bond, Allison MCF:EX](#); [Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX](#); [Barry, Jonathan MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Re: CCFRI Statistics April 13, 2018  
Date: Saturday, April 14, 2018 12:39:50 PM

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Great!! Thanks for the update

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 14, 2018, at 9:51 AM, Gunn, Paula MCF:EX <[Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Thank you Christine for the update. s.13  
s.13

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 14, 2018, at 8:03 AM, Massey, Christine MCF:EX  
<[Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

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s.13



**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: CFIB Correspondence - Childcare Initiative Concerns  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018 1:16:23 PM

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Thanks

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

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**From:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018 12:44 PM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: CFIB Correspondence - Childcare Initiative Concerns

Hi Niki,

We rec'd direction from MKC inbox to log under MKC but to request Draft MoS sig obo Premier for the response. This was sent thru as a rush.

Please let me know if there is an issue with this direction.

Thanks,

Rhea

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 4:41 PM

**To:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: CFIB Correspondence - Childcare Initiative Concerns

Hi Rhea,

Clarifying our response to this one?

Sincerely,

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**From:** CFIB\_BC [<mailto:MS.BC@cfib.ca>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 12:49 PM

**To:** Plecas.MLA, Darryl LASS:EX; de Jong.MLA, Mike LASS:EX; Gibson.MLA, Simon LASS:EX; Larson.MLA, Linda LASS:EX; Routledge.MLA, Janet LASS:EX; Kang.MLA, Anne LASS:EX; Chouhan.MLA, Raj LASS:EX;

CC Minister MCF:EX; Oakes.MLA, Coralee LASS:EX; Barnett.MLA, Donna LASS:EX; Martin.MLA, John LASS:EX; Throness.MLA, Laurie LASS:EX; Clovechok.MLA, Doug LASS:EX; Isaacs.MLA, Joan LASS:EX; Minister, MAH MAH:EX; Leonard.MLA, Ronna-Rae LASS:EX; Furstenau.MLA, Sonia LASS:EX; Kahlon.MLA, Ravi LASS:EX; Paton.MLA, Ian LASS:EX; Dean.MLA, Mitzi LASS:EX; Tegart.MLA, Jackie LASS:EX; Milobar.MLA, Peter LASS:EX; Stone.MLA, Todd LASS:EX; Letnick.MLA, Norm LASS:EX; Thomson.MLA, Steve LASS:EX; Shypitka.MLA, Tom LASS:EX; Minister, MCF MCF:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Polak.MLA, Mary LASS:EX; Coleman.MLA, Rich LASS:EX; D'Eith.MLA, Bob LASS:EX; Minister, TAC TAC:EX; Minister, IRR IRR:EX; Krog.MLA, Leonard LASS:EX; Routley.MLA, Douglas G LASS:EX; Rustad.MLA, John LASS:EX; Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Minister, MH MH:EX; Rice.MLA, Jennifer LASS:EX; Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX; Ma.MLA, Bowinn LASS:EX; Thornthwaite.MLA, Jane LASS:EX; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; Davies.MLA, Dan LASS:EX; Bernier.MLA, Mike LASS:EX; Ashton.MLA, Dan LASS:EX; Minister, PSSG PSSG:EX; Glumac.MLA, Rick LASS:EX; Simons.MLA, Nicholas LASS:EX; Morris.MLA, Mike LASS:EX; Bond.MLA, Shirley LASS:EX; Wat.MLA, Teresa LASS:EX; Reid.MLA, Linda LASS:EX; Johal.MLA, Jas LASS:EX; Yap.MLA, John LASS:EX; Olsen.MLA, Adam LASS:EX; Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX; Kylo.MLA, Greg LASS:EX; Ross.MLA, Ellis LASS:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Cadieux.MLA, Stephanie LASS:EX; Hunt.MLA, Marvin LASS:EX; Brar.MLA, Jagrup LASS:EX; Singh.MLA, Rachna LASS:EX; Begg.MLA, Garry LASS:EX; Minister, LBR LBR:EX; Minister, CITZ CITZ:EX; Minister, JTT JTT:EX; Redies.MLA, Tracy LASS:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Sullivan.MLA, Sam LASS:EX; Minister, TRD JTT:EX; Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX; Elmore.MLA, Mable LASS:EX; Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX; Lee.MLA, Michael LASS:EX; Minister, AEST AEST:EX; Minister, AG AG:EX; Wilkinson.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX; Chandra Herbert.MLA, Spencer LASS:EX; Foster.MLA, Eric LASS:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX; Minister, EDUC EDUC:EX; Sultan.MLA, Ralph LASS:EX; Sturdy.MLA, Jordan LASS:EX; Stilwell.MLA, Michelle LASS:EX

**Subject:** CFIB Correspondence - Childcare Initiative Concerns

April 4, 2018

Dear MLA,

Please see attached correspondence from the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB)

Warm regards

*Sent on behalf of Samantha Howard - Director BC, NWT & YT*

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Gunn, Paula MCF:EX](#); [Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [White, Emily MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Child Care Awards - New Date  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 11:57:55 AM

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September 22 looks open on MSKC calendar

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

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**From:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 9:46 AM  
**To:** Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Cc:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Child Care Awards - New Date  
Bringing Niki into the chain...

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**From:** Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 9:39 AM  
**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Cc:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Child Care Awards - New Date

Ok - just got off the phone with the program lead. She's happy to have the nominations close in early Aug - midnight on Aug 5 - with the awards on Sept 22 if that still works for ministers. She's running this timing up the chain on her end and I said I'd do the same and let her know.

Kirsten Lauvaas

250 213-5572

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 17, 2018, at 7:50 AM, Gunn, Paula MCF:EX <[Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

And my question (a couple emails back!) was if we should consider Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> as that was a date that had been in the mix and think it worked for both ministers. If too early though, we can look at October.

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**From:** Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 9:59 PM  
**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Cc:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Child Care Awards - New Date  
We didn't.

The site currently says nominations will be accepted until Fall. Technically Fall does t

start until Sept 21 so I'm wondering if we should look for a date in Oct/Nov?  
Kirsten Lauvaas  
250 213-5572  
Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 16, 2018, at 9:57 PM, Gunn, Paula MCF:EX <[Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Kirsten, just reviewing emails and not sure if we ever landed on date in September?

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**From:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 9:38 AM  
**To:** Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX; White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX; Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX; Walton, Clare GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Child Care Awards - New Date  
Did we pass on the 22<sup>nd</sup>?

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**From:** Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 9:26 AM  
**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX; Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX; Walton, Clare GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Child Care Awards - New Date  
Thanks for that. Wondering if we should instead push into Oct. Site currently states we're accepting applications until Fall. Fall technically doesn't start til Sept 21.  
We could aim for Oct 20? It's a sitting week so MKC may need to stay in LM a couple extra nights.  
Or Nov 3 - to avoid Halloween and long weekends.

Kirsten Lauvaas  
250 213-5572  
Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 10, 2018, at 9:16 AM, White, Emily MCF:EX  
<[Emily.White@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Emily.White@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi all -  
The BCFFPA AGM is happening in Nelson this year. MKC is confirmed to speak on Saturday, Sept 29<sup>th</sup> at 9am.  
Best,  
**Emily White**  
*Administrative Coordinator*  
**The Hon. Katrine Conroy**  
Minister of Children and Family Development  
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**From:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 4:24 PM  
**To:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX; Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX; Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX; Walton, Clare GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Child Care Awards - New Date  
BCFFPA AGM is September 28-29, and MKC will be attending that on the 28<sup>th</sup>. I am not sure where it is being held this year, Emily can provide that info tomorrow – may be possible to combine the 2 events that weekend.  
Currently MKC has nothing scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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**From:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 4:10 PM  
**To:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX; Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX; Walton, Clare GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Child Care Awards - New Date  
Hello,

UBCM is Sept 10<sup>th</sup> – Sept 14<sup>th</sup>. MSKC is free both Sept 22 and Sept 29.

Sincerely,

**Cherie Wilson**

*Administrative Assistant to*

**The Hon. Katrina Chen**

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**From:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 4:06 PM  
**To:** Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; White, Emily MCF:EX; Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX; Walton, Clare GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Child Care Awards - New Date

When is UBCM and where is it? Will need to factor that in if we go for late Sept

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**From:** Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX

**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 3:55 PM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; White, Emily MCF:EX; Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX

**Cc:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX; Walton, Clare GCPE:EX;

Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX

**Subject:** Child Care Awards - New Date

**Importance:** High

Hi Both,

Program is looking to lock down on a new date for the Child Care Awards. . . . thinking we could still hold them on a Saturday. Would Sept 22/29 work for Ministers? Or would you rather push to October when House is back in Session?  
Kirsten

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Brown, Edena MCF:EX](#); [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
Cc: [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#); [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Re: Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative – Application Review Results  
Date: Thursday, April 5, 2018 3:14:42 PM  
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Christine, please see below. Can we get to this person

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2018, at 3:09 PM, Brown, Edena MCF:EX <[Edena.Brown@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Edena.Brown@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Rhea and Niki,  
MLA Simon's office has contacted me regarding a child care providers problems with connecting to the adjudicator. I gather she has tried calling numerous times but unfortunately has not gotten through and one call was on hold for 45 minutes and then the call ended as it was after business hours.  
She is quite urgent to talk to someone.  
Her contact info is below.  
Thanks,  
Edena  
**Edena Brown**  
**Executive Assistant to Hon. Katrine Conroy**  
*Minister of Children and Family Development and Minister Responsible for CBT, CPC and CRT*  
Cell: 250-480-8627 Email: [Edena.Brown@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Edena.Brown@gov.bc.ca)

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**From:** Hathaway, Maggie [<mailto:Maggie.Hathaway@leg.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 3:05 PM  
**To:** Brown, Edena MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative – Application Review Results  
Here you go. Thanks for your help.  
**Maggie Hathaway** | Constituency Assistant | Nicholas Simons, MLA for Powell River - Sunshine Coast  
604-485-1249 #109 – 4675 Marine Avenue. Powell River. B.C. V8A 2L2  
**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 1:31 PM  
**To:** Child Care Operating Fund, MCF MCF:EX <[MCF.CCOF@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MCF.CCOF@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Hathaway, Maggie <[Maggie.Hathaway@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Maggie.Hathaway@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative – Application Review Results  
To Whom it may concern:

With 3 classrooms under review and waiting for an adjudicator s.22  
s.22 This is causing problems  
for both parents and our business as we use our incoming cash flow for payroll  
and business operations. Could an adjudicator please call us as soon as possible.  
s.22 or my cell s.22

Thank you  
s.22





From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
Cc: [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Re: Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative  
Date: Tuesday, April 3, 2018 11:47:56 AM

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Okay

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2018, at 8:12 AM, Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX <[Rhea.Kuharic@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Rhea.Kuharic@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Good morning Niki,  
I am just double checking on the direction. This writer is not a direct recipient of child care services and wishes to point out what he thinks are inconsistencies and is not specifically requesting a response. He only want to bring this to our attention. The previous incoming (originally sent to the Premier/MKC) was routed as FYI.  
Is it ok to change this incoming addressed to MSKC as an FYI?  
Please let me know what you decide.  
Thanks,  
Rhea

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, March 30, 2018 7:03 AM  
**To:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative

Reply direct

And Christine -we may wish reach out to this provider at some point  
Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** s.22  
**Date:** March 29, 2018 at 5:44:42 PM EDT  
**To:** "CC Minister MCF:EX" <[CC.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:CC.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative

Minister Chen,  
It was my mistake to leave you off my original email below, which was sent to Premier Horgan and Minister Conroy.

Thank you,

s.22

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** s.22  
**Date:** Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 8:46 AM  
**Subject:** Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative  
**To:** [john.horgan.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:john.horgan.mla@leg.bc.ca), [MCF.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MCF.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

Premier Horgan and Minister Conroy,  
I received a copy of the attached letter from a colleague, who received it from their child care provider. I am pleased to see that this provider has chosen to opt in to the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative, but I am troubled by much of the content of this letter. It reads like propaganda, and I believe there are several pieces of misinformation being communicated to parents. For example, there is mention of the 2% payroll tax as a cost being put on small businesses, however it is unlikely that this tax will impact the business at all given the payroll thresholds the new tax will be applied to. I find this very inappropriate.

I am bringing this to your attention for your information, and so that you are aware of the type of information being communicated by child care providers directly to parents regarding the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative and other items contained in BC Budget 2018.

Most sincerely,

s.22

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [White, Emily MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Child care providers in Maple Ridge  
**Date:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 1:35:27 PM

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Sure - thanks

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

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Minister of State for Child Care

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Sent:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 1:35 PM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** RE: Child care providers in Maple Ridge

Yep, can do. Timeline? Next week?

**Emily White**

*Administrative Coordinator*

**The Hon. Katrine Conroy**

Minister of Children and Family Development

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Sent:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 1:35 PM

**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Child care providers in Maple Ridge

Hi Emily,

Maybe we can set up a call with this group

Thanks

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX

**Sent:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 1:19 PM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** Re: Child care providers in Maple Ridge

Sure I'm always happy to connect with more. Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 19, 2018, at 11:19 AM, Sharma, Niki MCF:EX <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Should we set up a meeting with them?

I believe that staff have spoken to most of them

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

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**From:** D'Eith.MLA, Bob [<mailto:Bob.Deith.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 4:48 PM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** RE: Child care providers in Maple Ridge

Hi Niki,

I wanted to check in and see if there was anything else you needed from us with regards to the providers in our riding.

I heard Katrina might be interested in speaking with them. Please let me know if there is anything our office can do to help.

Thanks for all of your help.

All the best,

Sophia

**Sophia Kreuzkamp** | Constituency Assistant | Bob D'Eith, MLA Maple Ridge-Mission

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**From:** D'Eith.MLA, Bob

**Sent:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 4:52 PM

**To:** 'Sharma, Niki MCF:EX' <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: Child care providers in Maple Ridge

That's great thank you.

The three that met with us had a follow up article done in the Maple Ridge News this afternoon. <https://www.mapleridgenews.com/news/private-daycare-operators-in-maple-ridge-opt-out-of-government-plan/>

These were the first articles before we met with the daycare providers last week. <https://www.mapleridgenews.com/news/private-daycare-operators-fear-governments-plan/>

<https://globalnews.ca/news/4112702/concerns-from-private-child-care-providers-future-b-c-plans-wont-include-them/>

Staff will probably have a good idea of what to expect on the calls if they read these articles.

On another child care note, we recently received correspondence from a constituent stating that his child care provider has said they are being forced to increase fees because of the childcare subsidy, at least that is what constituent is saying.

Let me know if you need anything else from us.

Thanks for all of your help!

All the best,

**Sophia Kreuzkamp** | Constituency Assistant | Bob D'Eith, MLA Maple Ridge-Mission

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX [<mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca>]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 4:40 PM

**To:** D'Eith.MLA, Bob <[Bob.Deith.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Bob.Deith.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Re: Child care providers in Maple Ridge

Report from staff:

Just fyi – I spoke to one this of these providers this morning and am setting up calls with the other two.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2018, at 4:37 PM, D'Eith.MLA, Bob <[Bob.Deith.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Bob.Deith.MLA@leg.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Niki,

I just wanted to follow up and see if these constituents had received a call from Ministry staff yet.

Hope you are doing well.

All the best,

Sophia

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**From:** D'Eith.MLA, Bob

**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 5:46 PM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Child care providers in Maple Ridge

Hi Niki,

Today Bob and I met with some childcare providers from our riding who shared their questions around the new child care initiative with us. We provided as much information and answers as we could, but many of the questions were more in-depth than we were able to speak to.

Below are some of the questions they have. One provider, s.22  
s.22

s.22 also wrote a letter which we were CC'd on to the Ministry, which I have forwarded here.

I hope you can have someone in the Ministry get back to them about their questions and clarifications around opting in.

;P Why are private daycares not able to access/be granted capital funding anymore? The providers said that it is only being given to non-profits now.

;P How can fees be increased to match non-profits and the wages they will pay staff once they opt in?

;P Questions around how the government is going to work with private facilities as they move to universal childcare.

;P Questions around if they opt in and then decide to opt out in the future. What would happen?

The providers we met with today were  
s.22

Let me know if you need any more information. I'm happy to chat.  
You can reach me on my cell over the weekend at s.22

Kind regards,

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 3:36 PM

**To:** Minister, CC C MCF:EX <[CC.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:CC.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** D'Eith.MLA, Bob <[Bob.Deith.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Bob.Deith.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>; Beare.MLA, Lisa  
<[Lisa.Beare.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Lisa.Beare.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>; [Premier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Premier@gov.bc.ca); Minister, MCF C  
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[andrew.wilkinson.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:andrew.wilkinson.MLA@leg.bc.ca)

**Subject:** Letter to Minister to Chen

Please see attachment.



**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Gunn, Paula MCF:EX](#); [Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Childcare BC Decal and Podium Options  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 5:31:34 PM

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Blue for first two and the one with people for the last one.

Shorter font

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

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**From:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 5:20 PM

**To:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** RE: Childcare BC Decal and Podium Options

Sorry didn't weigh in on the other part – so my vote goes to the blue background with big font.

Same for the decal, blue background.

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**From:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 4:00 PM

**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** Fwd: Childcare BC Decal and Podium Options

Need your preferred options for sign off. I'm fine with any one of these. Kj

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Watt, Adrienne GCPE:EX" <[Adrienne.Watt@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Adrienne.Watt@gov.bc.ca)>  
**To:** "Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX" <[Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "LeSueur, Kathryn GCPE:EX" <[Kathryn.LeSueur@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kathryn.LeSueur@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Childcare BC Decal and Podium Options

-----Original Message-----

From: Watt, Adrienne GCPE:EX

Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 2:56 PM

To: Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX

Cc: LeSueur, Kathryn GCPE:EX

Subject: FW: Childcare BC Decal and Podium Options

Any thoughts on this Karen? I haven't checked with Robb, but would like to go to him with our recommendations. Kathryn and I recommend the yellow decal, the

blue podium and the yellow podium with people.

-----Original Message-----

From: Watt, Adrienne GCPE:EX

Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 11:43 AM

To: Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX

Cc: LeSueur, Kathryn GCPE:EX

Subject: FW: Childcare BC Decal and Podium Options

New options attached for podium signage and decals. Let me know your thoughts. I think we'd still look to print the original podium sign with the photograph of the mom and child too. (I've attached it for reference).

-----Original Message-----

From: Richard Fisher [<mailto:richard@trapeze.ca>]

Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 11:29 AM

To: Watt, Adrienne GCPE:EX

Subject: Childcare BC Decal and Podium Options

Hi Adrienne,

Here are a few options to consider to address the issues we discussed. Revised size for the decal is 4 x 6.

For your review and approval.

Thanks and regards

Richard

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
Cc: [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: RE: Childcare Plan- PO 704456  
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 1:13:23 PM

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Sounds good

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 12:31 PM  
To: Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
Cc: Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
Subject: RE: Childcare Plan- PO 704456

Hi Niki,

This one only says they are not happy with the roll out. Good recommendation for Reply Direct.

Thanks!

Rhea

-----Original Message-----

From: Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 9:42 AM  
To: Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
Cc: Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
Subject: FW: Childcare Plan- PO 704456

This provider also sent in a letter with the heading non-confidence.

Recommendations on how to respond? Do we reply direct to the one below?

Sincerely,

Niki Sharma  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 9:31 AM  
To: Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
Subject: FW: Childcare Plan- PO 704456

Sincerely,

Cherie Wilson  
Administrative Assistant to  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
Sent: Saturday, April 7, 2018 2:03 PM  
To: CC Minister MCF:EX  
Cc: Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX  
Subject: FW: Childcare Plan- PO 704456

Hi,

We are still waiting for direction from your office.

Thanks,

Rhea

-----Original Message-----

From: Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX  
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2018 6:02 PM  
To: Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
Cc: Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
Subject: FW: Childcare Plan- PO 704456

Please see below, referral from the PO for MOS' review and direction.

Thanks,  
Pam

-----Original Message-----

From: Huycke, Kayla PREM:EX  
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 2:28 PM  
To: Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX  
Subject: FW: Childcare Plan- PO 704456

Hi Pam!

Sending this one along to you to respond to if you deem it appropriate, Let me know if you would like me to simply do an acknowledgement and share instead.

Thank you!

Kayla

-----Original Message-----

From: s.22  
Sent: Saturday, March 24, 2018 6:30 AM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Childcare Plan

Dear Mr. Hogan

I just wanted to give you a heads up. Your plan to increase childcare spaces will fail. If you are not aware the crisis in childcare is not lack of space but lack of staffing.

The reason for the lack of staff is because Early Childhood Educators are sadly leaving the field for higher paying jobs.

s.22

Your plan is backwards. You should have rolled out a wage subsidy for facilities first. Something that was done back in the 90s.

Your idea of focusing on Non-profits is also a slap in the face to all the hard working, underpaid, compassionate, dedicated, resourceful, caring, passionate, and proud childcare owners and operators. If you want to see a lack of childcare spaces watch how your disregard for us will be the straw that broke the camels back and force many to close our doors.

s.22

I recommend you take time to hear childcare providers. To visit facilities. To spend a day working in a daycare center. To talk to staff. You might regret how you rolled out your plan.

Sincerely

s.22

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX](#); [CC Minister MCF:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Childcare Waitlist Application Fees- PO 705706  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 2:04:26 PM

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Reply direct please

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

**The Hon. Katrina Chen**

Minister of State for Child Care

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**From:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 11:46 AM  
**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Childcare Waitlist Application Fees- PO 705706  
Please see below, referral from the Premier's office for MOs review and direction.  
Thanks,  
Pam

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**From:** Huycke, Kayla PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 11:20 AM  
**To:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Childcare Waitlist Application Fees- PO 705706

Hello again,

Is this something that your office would like to respond?

If not, I can send an acknowledgement. Just let me know when you get the chance ☺

Thanks!

Kayla

**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Sunday, April 15, 2018 3:27 PM  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Childcare Waitlist Application Fees

Hello Mr. Premier.

Are you aware of the childcare waitlist application fees in the s.22 area? This week alone our family spent \$225 on 4 applications, for centres we will most likely hear from. We can not afford these fees, but have no choice.

Legislation in Ontario prevents childcare facilities from charging these fees. Its not like we dont realize there is a need for administration time for their offices to process these applications, but it should not be put onto people who may never hear from them. It's like giving money we don't have away.

Thank you for your time.

s.22

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: CKNW: Versluis - day care access  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018 11:01:06 AM

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thanks

Sincerely,

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**From:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018 9:19 AM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: CKNW: Versluis - day care access

Hi both, just listening to the clip to get more information on this. It sounds like the centre leased their space from a church and have been asked to vacate in June so that a Catholic school can take over the existing space.

I'm not quite sure how many spaces the facility has – the clip says 60 families, but the Fraser Health site says it's licensed for 40 spaces, from 10 months to 12 years. They have been allowed to keep 20 spaces for kids in out of school care. The parent interviewed says that the centre had applied for the fee reduction initiative.

I've requested the transcript from TNO for more information, and will check in with the program team to see if they receive any funding from us, and if they've reached out for support with relocation costs etc.

Brendan

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**From:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018 9:07 AM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>; Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX <[Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Re: CKNW: Versluis - day care access

Sorry - wrong daycare. It's the north shore one that is police related. We will check on the other. Brendan. Pls follow up

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 11, 2018, at 8:44 AM, Sharma, Niki MCF:EX <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Karen,  
Sorry I missed the morning call.



Wondering what we know about this closure?

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 7:22 PM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** Fwd: CKNW: Versluis - day care access

FYI - may need more info on this. Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** <[tno@gov.bc.ca](mailto:tno@gov.bc.ca)>

**Date:** April 10, 2018 at 7:08:51 PM PDT

**To:** Undisclosed recipients;;

**Subject:** CKNW: Versluis - day care access

CKNW (Vancouver)

CKNW Lynda Steele

10-Apr-2018 16:36

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX](#); [Gunn, Paula MCF:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Confirmation of speaking roles at ECE BC conference  
**Date:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 1:45:11 PM

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Hi Brendan,

I think the focus will be on our childcare plan to support the ECE workforce. Please speak with Karen, she knows what we hope to announce/focus on.

Thanks

Sincerely,

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**From:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 1:31 PM  
**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Confirmation of speaking roles at ECE BC conference  
Hi both,

s.13

Thank you,

Brendan

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Brendan Wright  
Public Affairs Officer  
Government Communications and Public Engagement  
Ministry of Children and Family Development  
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From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: s.22  
Subject: RE: Connecting  
Date: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 11:25:28 AM

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Just got out of a meeting! Are you free now.

Sorry about the delay

Sincerely,

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From: s.22

Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 2:49 PM

To: Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

Subject: Re: Connecting

Happy Monday, Niki,

Would Wed morning work? I am available aftwr 10:30 am.

s.22

On Mon, Apr 23, 2018, 1:52 PM Sharma, Niki MCF:EX, <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi s.22

I wonder if you may have time to connect over the phone for an update?

Please let me know what time works for you this week.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Zavgorodni, Galia LASS:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [White, Emily MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Constituent Meeting with Minster Chen  
**Date:** Monday, April 23, 2018 5:59:05 PM

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Hi Galia,

I will connect you with Emily who handles scheduling to set up a time for a call.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Zavgorodni, Galia [<mailto:Galia.Zavgorodni@leg.bc.ca>]

**Sent:** Monday, April 23, 2018 5:57 PM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** Re: Constituent Meeting with Minster Chen

Hi Niki,

I am just following up on my inquiry below. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Galia

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**From:** Zavgorodni, Galia

**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 11:07 AM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** Constituent Meeting with Minster Chen

Dear Niki Sharma,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Galia Zavgorodni and I am MLA Ellis Ross' new Legislative Assistant. I am inquiring about whether Minister Chen is available to meet with one of Ross' constituents. Her name is Jennifer Maillet and she would like to discuss the issues that daycare centers are experiencing with the NDP daycare subsidies. Please let me know when Minister Chen is available, so we can schedule a meeting.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Thanks!

**Galia Zavgorodni**

Sessional Legislative Assistant, BC Liberal Caucus

Legislature of British Columbia

Email: [galia.zavgorodni@leg.bc.ca](mailto:galia.zavgorodni@leg.bc.ca)

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
Cc: [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: RE: Daycare- PO 705019  
Date: Monday, April 16, 2018 9:05:59 AM

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Reply direct please

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX  
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 5:12 PM  
To: CC Minister MCF:EX  
Cc: Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
Subject: FW: Daycare- PO 705019

Please see below, referral from the Premier's office for MOs review and direction please. Thx.

-----Original Message-----

From: Huycke, Kayla PREM:EX  
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 2:12 PM  
To: Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX  
Subject: FW: Daycare- PO 705019

Hi Pam,

Sending as an FYI and closing on our end.

Thank you!

Kayla

-----Original Message-----

From: s.22  
Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 9:44 PM  
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
Subject: Daycare

s.22

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s.22

Due to the recent changes in the rates of childcare s.22  
can't stay here s.22 anymore. 's.22  
he feels he has no choice but to leave.

s.22

s.22 This is so ridiculous that families are going to be split up over this

Please, I am begging your government to do something. I know he is not the only one in this dire spot.

Thank you

s.22

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Gibbs, Robb GCPE:EX](#); [Jones, JJ GCPE:EX](#); [Gunn, Paula MCF:EX](#); [Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX](#); [Oreck, Mira PREM:EX](#); [Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX](#); [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#); [Robinson, Jon PREM:EX](#); [Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX](#); [Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX](#); [Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Draft of child care back-to-brand complan  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 3:02:56 PM

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Hello Everyone,

Here is a draft agenda for our Friday meeting.

Please let me know if you want to add anything:

- 1) Welcome Jasleen to child care team!
- 2) May 1 cc month launch plan
- 3) Paid advertising update
- 4) Review overall one-page narrative
- 5) Overall plan for cc month
  - a. Focus on ECE plan

Sincerely,

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**From:** Gibbs, Robb GCPE:EX

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 11:03 AM

**To:** Jones, JJ GCPE:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX; Oreck, Mira PREM:EX; Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX; Massey, Christine MCF:EX; Robinson, Jon PREM:EX; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX; Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX

**Subject:** Draft of child care back-to-brand complan

Hi folks,

s.13

Tks,

Robb

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Robb Gibbs

ADM – Strategic Communications

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Emailing: letter to parents 111.odt  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 10:37:30 AM

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Thanks Rhea,  
Appreciate your patience with us!  
Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

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**From:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 10:35 AM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Emailing: letter to parents 111.odt  
Hi Niki,

We already received a copy of this letter and have sent to the division as a supplement to the response being prepared by a previous email logged under CLIFF 236861. ☺

I will go ahead and log as file if ok with you as the division already has this copy.

Thanks,  
Rhea

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 8:38 AM  
**To:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Emailing: letter to parents 111.odt  
Reply direct please

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**From:** Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 9:26 AM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Emailing: letter to parents 111.odt



Sincerely,  
**Cherie Wilson**

*Administrative Assistant to*

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**From:** Chen.MLA, Katrina [<mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 9:04 AM

**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** Fw: Emailing: letter to parents 111.odt

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Friday, March 30, 2018 7:05 AM

**To:** Chen.MLA, Katrina

**Subject:** Emailing: letter to parents 111.odt

Hello

I am a In Home Licensed Day Care Provider

I did send an other letter to you last week

Attached is a letter I had to send home with my clients yesterday to clarify the confusion of the Child Care Operating Funding program just released

This is now a follow up that is needed after the news release about the Child Care Funding this week

I truly feel the news Release from the NDP and The Ministry , who will also be getting a copy of this letter, was a sad attempt win the families support

It was an insult to many of us providers and we need to clarify the truth to the parents with children in child care faculties

thank you

s.22

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#); [Cain, Krista A MCF:EX](#); [Horton, Emily MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Family Care Association  
**Date:** Monday, April 16, 2018 10:59:47 AM

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Thanks Christine,  
Emily, it may be short notice – but would be great to do it early this week.

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**From:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX

**Sent:** Sunday, April 15, 2018 3:17 PM

**To:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX; Horton, Emily MCF:EX

**Cc:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** Family Care Association

Krista and Emily – I've spoken with s.22 about setting up a teleconference with the Family Care Association and MSKC early this week. She advises that an evening about be best, starting at about 7pm. We would need to use our Telus system again. Can I leave it with you two to contact Rena and set something up. s.22 contact info is:

s.22

Thanks.

cm

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX](#); [Gunn, Paula MCF:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX](#); [Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: FOR REVIEW: CFD Media Request: Fee Reduction numbers  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 10:30:37 AM

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I need to know they number of people who have been denied. Is 53 the correct number there?  
And what is the recourse for people who have been denied?

*As of April 20<sup>th</sup>, 56 providers have been denied as of April 20. Our process was designed to be fair to all providers who chose to opt-in, and also ensure that no providers unjustifiably increase their fees. Only \_\_\_% of providers that opted in by March 27<sup>th</sup> were denied. For those providers who were not approved at this time, they have the option of sending us new information if they feel that the Ministry's assessment is not accurate.*

And trying to figure out the math on the numbers I've received. 1570 want in. 1109 approved. 429 being asked for more information - that leaves a gap of a few dozen - what is the situation with those?

*1,570 is the number of providers who have applied to opt in, and includes those who have been approved, denied or need to send more information.*

*As one provider may operate more than one facility, they may be captured in several categories. For example, one provider may run two facilities, where one has been approved, and one requires more information before it can be approved. This provider would be captured in both the 'approved' and 'needs more information' categories.*

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**From:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 9:35 AM

**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Cc:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX; Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX

**Subject:** FOR REVIEW: CFD Media Request: Fee Reduction numbers

Hi both,

We've had a couple of questions on the fee reduction numbers from Liza. These responses are taken from the language that we put together on Friday. Please let me know if you're happy for this to go.

Thanks,

Brendan

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**From:** Brendan Wright [mailto:Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 9:24 AM

**To:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX

**Subject:** CFD Media Request: Fee Reduction numbers

**Reporter**

Liza Yuzda, Reporter

CKNW AM 980

[liza@cknw.com](mailto:liza@cknw.com)

250-385-8622 c: 250-920-8944

**Deadline** ASAP

**Request**

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**Background**

**Recommendation**

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Gunn, Paula MCF:EX](#); [Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX](#); [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#); [Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Re: FOR REVIEW: CFD Media Request: New licensed spaces for fee reduction (Rob Shaw)  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 2:43:05 PM

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Is it the chart from the QA for budget day. the small table that shows the child care benefit based on income and compared to the old subsidy?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2018, at 2:35 PM, Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX <[Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

I think all we need to say is that we will provide Rob with the info when we provide it to the critic.

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**From:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 2:35 PM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX; Massey, Christine MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX; Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: FOR REVIEW: CFD Media Request: New licensed spaces for fee reduction (Rob Shaw)  
Christine about the chart on affordable childcare benefit that Rob Shaw is saying MSKC said she would provide to the Liberals – that was something we committed to provide at the end of estimates, as follow-up to Estimates I would think? We might need to explain to Rob Shaw the process whereby information is sent as follow-up and give a good rationale why that isn't available now

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 2:31 PM  
**To:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX; Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: FOR REVIEW: CFD Media Request: New licensed spaces for fee reduction (Rob Shaw)  
Okay with me.

Any chart would not be possible until we start rolling out the capital money. So it doesn't exist now

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

**The Hon. Katrina Chen**

Minister of State for Child Care

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**From:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 1:59 PM

**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Cc:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX; Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX

**Subject:** FOR REVIEW: CFD Media Request: New licensed spaces for fee reduction (Rob Shaw)

Hi both,

Rob Shaw had a couple of questions following estimates. I'm not sure what chart the Minister was referring to, do you have any information on this?

See below for a response to the question on unlicensed spaces, reviewed by Christine and team. Let me know if you have any concerns.

Thank you,

Brendan

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**From:** Brendan Wright [<mailto:Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 1:30 PM

**To:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX <[Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** CFD Media Request: New licensed spaces for fee reduction

**Reporter**

Rob Shaw, Reporter

PRESS GALLERY

[rshaw@postmedia.com](mailto:rshaw@postmedia.com)

250-953-5932 c: 250-893-0841

**Deadline ASAP**

**Request**

The minister (Chen) mentioned sharing a chart with the liberals in estimates yesterday that would explain how the affordable child care benefit is adjusted based on income rates, on each dollar of income up to \$111,000. Could I get that same chart please? To be clear, I want a copy of the one the minister is giving to the Liberals.

Minister says a "very small portion" of the 22,000 spaces could simply be the previously no-licence-required and/or unlicensed providers becoming registered and then counting towards "new" licensed spaces, when in fact those spaces really already existed.

How much is a "very small portion" - can the ministry please define what is expected here?

*Unlicensed – or licence-not-required (LNR) – providers may only care for two children who are not related to them. In becoming a licensed family child-care provider, they will be eligible to increase their number of spaces from 2 to 7.*

*Ministry projections considered both LNR providers becoming licensed and brand new licensed family providers entering the sector. Depending on the mix we see over the next 3 years, the range of spaces that would come from previously unlicensed spaces could be up to 750.*

*That's about 3% of the 22,000 spaces that are currently approved for the fee*

*reduction initiative.*

## **Background**

## **Recommendation**

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX](#)  
Cc: [Gunn, Paula MCF:EX](#); [Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX](#); [Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX](#); [Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX](#)  
Subject: Re: FOR REVIEW: QA Child Care Month Launch  
Date: Monday, April 30, 2018 1:33:05 PM

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Please update the numbers in Q2

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 30, 2018, at 1:06 PM, Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX <[Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi both,

We've put together a brief QA based on recent media questions – see attached. We should also have most recent numbers for the Minister in case that comes up. Please could you review and let me know if you have any edits?

Note that these bullets are all taken from recent media responses that were approved. Karen needs final version by 3pm to take with her to Vancouver.

Thank you,

Brendan

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**To:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Lesli Boldt; Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: for review: updated FAQ  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 11:35:41 AM

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Wonder if we can make the answer for number 4 a little more plain language?

Thanks

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

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**The Hon. Katrina Chen**

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**From:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX

**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 2:26 PM

**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Cc:** Lesli Boldt; Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX

**Subject:** for review: updated FAQ

Paula and Niki - As just discussed with Niki, see below for some new/revised FAQ.

s.13

Page 415 to/à Page 416

Withheld pursuant to/removed as

s.13

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
Cc: [Gunn, Paula MCF:EX](#); [Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX](#)  
Subject: Re: FYI - correspondence with BC FCC Association  
Date: Sunday, April 29, 2018 5:46:34 PM

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Wow!

Good letter. Glad you connected with s.22 before it got too out of hand. Concerning that one post could cause this - glad this person apologized

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 29, 2018, at 7:35 AM, Massey, Christine MCF:EX <[Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Paula and Niki- Friday morning I was contacted by s.22 head of the Family Child Care Association of BC, after a meeting with her members where people were quite upset because of information they had seen on Facebook that the Ministry would be phasing out all Family Child Care and moving it to Multi Age Child Care. I assured s.2 that wasn't the case and she suggested that something in writing from the Ministry would assist in dispelling the rumours.

I've attached what I will send to s.22 Allison and Karen have approved (Karen – I made your suggested edit). I expect that this statement will get shared via email with the members of s.22 association and may also find its way to Facebook of other groups.

BTW, after I made a number of inquiries about this rumour, it was traced to a member of the BCCCOA board who subsequently posted an apology on Facebook. (also attached).

cm

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#); [Bond, Allison MCF:EX](#); [Gunn, Paula MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: FYI- South Island Family Child Care Association  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 9:08:23 AM

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Great. Thanks for the update

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

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**From:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 10:32 AM  
**To:** Bond, Allison MCF:EX; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: FYI- South Island Family Child Care Association  
We need a hash tag

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**From:** Bond, Allison MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 10:31 AM  
**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Barry, Jonathan MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: FYI- South Island Family Child Care Association  
LOL

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**From:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 10:18 AM  
**To:** Bond, Allison MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Barry, Jonathan MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Re: FYI- South Island Family Child Care Association  
I second Allison's reply - am thinking your characterization of last night should/will be the motto for our plan: "A Few Tense Moments But Applause By the End"!!  
Please thank Jon and staff.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 20, 2018, at 8:57 AM, Bond, Allison MCF:EX <[Allison.Bond@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Allison.Bond@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Well done! And after Estimates too! I am privileged to work with such a dedicated crew

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**From:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 8:56 AM  
**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Bond, Allison MCF:EX; Barry, Jonathan MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FYI- South Island Family Child Care Association  
Jonathan and another staff member attended a meeting of the above group last night

(after Estimates). Jonathan reports that overall it went well. A few tense moments but applause by the end. Staff took away a few questions for follow up.  
cm

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: s.22  
Subject: RE: Hello  
Date: Monday, April 9, 2018 10:53:32 AM

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Hi s.22

Thanks for updating me on your work.

Our government plan is informed by a range of stakeholders. We would be happy to hear the input from parents in your group with your s.22 Please feel free to design the survey towards the issues that are important to your group.

Take Care

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Friday, April 6, 2018 4:22 PM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** Re: Hello

Hi, Niki,

Thanks for your email. It is very strange as I have not received the voice mail. I am currently working on the online survey and deciding on the platform to gather information.

Is there any particular data you would be interested in? We will be testing the survey on a small group of our mom friends before it is available for a broader audience. The survey's purpose is to gather grassroots level info from actual parents with no political agenda

s.2

On Fri, Apr 6, 2018, 4:07 PM Sharma, Niki MCF:EX, <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi s.22

Hope you are well. I left you a voicemail with my phone number. It sounds like from Minister Chen that you didn't receive it?

My number is s.22

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [trussel@ywcavan.org](mailto:trussel@ywcavan.org)  
**Subject:** Re: Invitation  
**Date:** Friday, April 6, 2018 1:14:39 PM

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(Sorry, Tessa for calling you Tracey!)

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 6, 2018, at 1:12 PM, Sharma, Niki MCF:EX <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

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> Hi Tracey,

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> I received your email about an invitation to speak. Please let me know about the details of the event. My number is s.22 if you want to talk over the phone.

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> Thanks!

>

> Niki

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> Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [White, Emily MCF:EX](#)  
Cc: [Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX](#); [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Re: Invitation to BCCCOA AGM  
Date: Friday, April 27, 2018 10:23:31 AM

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Hi Emily, yes please find a time in the morning and confirm which board members will be joining.

The Bcccoa board wanted to meet with MSKC - so it's not for an AGM

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 27, 2018, at 9:54 AM, White, Emily MCF:EX <[Emily.White@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Emily.White@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi both –

Do you have more info on this? I don't have any info on this AGM, just want to make sure I'm good to go w/ providing times to Jamie?

Best,

**Emily White**

*Administrative Coordinator*

**The Hon. Katrine Conroy**

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**From:** Zhu, Jamie MCF:EX

**Sent:** Friday, April 27, 2018 9:47 AM

**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Cc:** Lapthorne, Carmen MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Invitation to BCCCOA AGM

Hi Emily,

Hope that you are doing good today. Looking to set up a half an hour meeting for

Minister Chen to meet with the BCCCOA Board at VCO on May 11<sup>th</sup>, please let me know what time would be the best for Minister Chen on that day. Thank you!

Jamie Zhu

Program Assistant, Indigenous Engagement

w. 778 698 7114 | c. 250 812 3194

525 Superior Street, Victoria, BC V8V 1T7

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**From:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX

**Sent:** Friday, April 27, 2018 9:20 AM

**To:** Zhu, Jamie MCF:EX <[Jamie.Zhu@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jamie.Zhu@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** FW: Invitation to BCCCOA AGM

Hi Jamie

Can you please work with Emily to set up this meeting:

Minister Chen will be meeting with the BCCCOA Board at VCO on May 11<sup>th</sup>. She has



committed to a half hour. If you could let me know the time once confirmed with Emily I will invite Christine out of the Exec Calendar.  
Kim will take care of the second 2 hour meeting as it is just Christine and staff, no minister.  
Thanks,  
Krista

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**From:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX

**Sent:** Friday, April 27, 2018 6:43 AM

**To:** Tran, Kim C (Victoria) MCF:EX; Cain, Krista A MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Invitation to BCCCOA AGM

Kim and Krista – Can you please assist to coordinate these meetings. Minister Chen has committed to a half hour meeting with the BCCCOA board at VCO on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Then I will meet with BCCCOA for 2 hours. (Can we find a boardroom at the MCFD offices on Pender?) If possible, Teresa and Jon should travel to Vancouver for the meeting. I'd like Martin Wright and/or Steve Yong on the phone. Teresa and Jon can have others on the phone if they like.

**From:** Pamela Wallberg [mailto:[mspamela.wallberg@alderwoodhouse.com](mailto:mspamela.wallberg@alderwoodhouse.com)]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 7:43 PM

**To:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX

**Cc:** Tran, Kim C (Victoria) MCF:EX; Cain, Krista A MCF:EX

**Subject:** Re: Invitation to BCCCOA AGM

Hi,

That would work, if we can consolidate everything into one longer day on the 11th! We look forward to getting times and details!

Pamela

On Thu, Apr 26, 2018 at 6:49 AM, Massey, Christine MCF:EX

<[Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Pamela – We can certainly keep the meeting with staff on May 9<sup>th</sup> although I'd be happy to do it in Vancouver on May 11<sup>th</sup> if that saves you travel costs. I would travel over to Vancouver, along with a couple of my Executive Directors, and then I would bring in other staff by either videoconference or teleconference. Let me know.  
cm

**From:** Pamela Wallberg [mailto:[mspamela.wallberg@alderwoodhouse.com](mailto:mspamela.wallberg@alderwoodhouse.com)]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 11:31 AM

**To:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX

**Cc:** Tran, Kim C (Victoria) MCF:EX; Cain, Krista A MCF:EX

**Subject:** Re: Invitation to BCCCOA AGM

Hi Christine,

May 11th sounds good; April 30th might be a bit too ambitious of a timeline for us.

We would like to be able to do the May 9th date in Victoria with staff, if that still works?

Just let us know times once you are organized things on your end.

As a follow up to our areas of discussion, we would also like to touch on some of our concerns about data collection, if there is someone who might be able to speak to this, or would be interested in a critical analysis of some of the current data collection methods? I've spoken with U of T and their ECE 2017 study already; the data being used for analysis and subsequent recommendations in various reports is originating from MCFD, rather than the health boards, and has some areas of concern that are leading to outcomes that are, depending on your perspective, situated in the alternative-fact realm. I'm an "informed policy" kind

of person, and so when there are a few flags about the foundational data points, I begin to worry about the validity of the ultimate outcomes.

Thanks again,

Pamela

On Wed, Apr 25, 2018 at 9:42 AM, Massey, Christine MCF:EX

<[Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Pamela – I have checked in with Minister Chen’s office and to accommodate her schedule I have a couple of new options, and we can do the meeting with staff before or after the meeting with the Minister.

- April 30<sup>th</sup> in Vancouver in the morning (I know that this may not work but wanted to offer this date since the minister is free).

- May 11<sup>th</sup> in Vancouver in the morning.

s.15

s.15 We will find another location nearby for the meeting with staff, either before or after the Minister’s meeting.

Please let me know your preference. Thanks!

**From:** Pamela Wallberg [mailto:[mspamelawallberg@alderwoodhouse.com](mailto:mspamelawallberg@alderwoodhouse.com)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 5:15 PM

**To:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX

**Cc:** Tran, Kim C (Victoria) MCF:EX

**Subject:** Re: Invitation to BCCCOA AGM

Thank you, that will work. I think we're happy to go to Victoria, thanks, unless of course we need to be in Vancouver to accommodate the Minister's schedule.

Kim, I will look forward to hearing more from you.

pamela

On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 3:19 PM, Massey, Christine MCF:EX

<[Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Pamela - May 9<sup>th</sup> works well. I’ve copied Kim, my assistant, who can help with logistics. Did you decide whether you want to travel to Victoria or Vancouver? As I mentioned, if Vancouver is cheaper/more efficient for you, we may be able to arrange for telepresence in downtown Vancouver (essentially, a really good videoconferencing system that makes you feel as if you’re in the same room).

Thanks.

cm

**From:** Pamela Wallberg [mailto:[mspamelawallberg@alderwoodhouse.com](mailto:mspamelawallberg@alderwoodhouse.com)]

**Sent:** Monday, April 23, 2018 9:47 PM

**To:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX

**Subject:** Re: Invitation to BCCCOA AGM

Hi Christine,

We would like to be able to schedule a meeting for May 9 or 11 - those dates appear to be flexible for the majority of our board at this time.

Following up from our AGM, and in hopes of being as proactive as possible, we have an ambitious list to discuss! We are interested in presenting and discussing with you the following:

1. Options for and feedback about different implementation models for Universal Child Care, in hopes that these models could be included within the prototype centres for further study.
2. ECE Training - feedback, concerns, recommendations and reassurances
3. Accreditation, Mentorship, Regulation College
4. Proportionate Representation for consultation

We'd very much like to have the appropriate individuals present - our first thoughts were that Teresa Butler, Joanne Murrell, Jonathan Barry, Andy Davidson, Niki Sharma and yourself would be sensible; I know that it would mean a lot to our members to have Minister Chen and Minister Conroy present, and feel as though our perspectives and experience as providers is being shared and heard.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for having Anne touch base with me - I was able to direct two of our members to her to try to get assistance this afternoon.

Thanks,  
Pamela

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Gunn, Paula MCF:EX](#); [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#); [Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: letter of support  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018 11:16:56 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)

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Yes, I asked Rhea if we could send a reply thanking them for their letter.

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

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Minister of State for Child Care

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**From:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018 8:17 AM  
**To:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX; Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** letter of support

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**From:** Brown, Edena MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 5:19 PM  
**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Facebook post. Letter coming

Looks like Cap University ECE instructors sending a letter of support. I have not seen this yet but perhaps you have Niki? Below was on Facebook post by \$10 a Day Child Care campaign.

FYI.

Cheers,

Edena

**10 a Day Child Care Campaign** shared [Capilano University Early Childhood Education's post](#).

[6 mins](#) ·

This is what leadership looks like.



**Capilano University Early Childhood Education**

[23 hrs](#) ·

Copy of letter sent to Premier Horgan, Minister Chen and Minister Conroy

April 6, 2018

The Honourable John Horgan, Premier

The Honorable Katrina Chen, Minister of State for Childcare

The Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Families

Dear Premier Horgan, Minister Chen and Minister Conroy

As early childhood educators, instructors, and researchers, we are writing to express our support of the NDP government's

first steps in moving towards affordable and accessible early years programming. We acknowledge that there are some who are expressing challenges with the bureaucracy of the roll out of this initiative. We understand that this is to be expected, as with any major government initiative there are bound to be challenges, such as the completion of forms and so forth. These challenges, however, should not preclude the choice to not support an initiative that seeks to significantly reduce parental fees. We need to have courage in order to move early childhood education beyond the delivery of “service” to its place as an educational program, and to create a system that ensures early childhood education is a right for all children, not just those who have reached school age.

We believe that this initiative will move us towards creating the conditions where early years programs in BC will have the infrastructure to support the pedagogical practices that will meet the needs of 21st century children and their families. These beginning steps will set in motion the changes necessary for early childhood educators to be seen as the ethical, competent, reflective, and caring professionals that they are.

This journey will not be smooth and will certainly hold challenges. We need to work collaboratively, thoughtfully, and ethically as professionals to begin the process of creating a responsive, dynamic system of early childhood education that is always open to new possibilities in a constant quest for what noted scholar Peter Moss calls a “utopia.”

We would like to express our thanks to ECEBC and to the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC for their tireless work with government to address, finally, what UNESCO has described as the “current fragmented patchwork system of care in Canada.”

Sincerely,

Adrienne Argent, Early Childhood Educator, ECEBC Member  
Sarah Bathurst, Early Childhood Education Student  
Elaine d Beltran-Sellitt, M.A.  
Iris Berger,, EdD  
Julia Black, Early Childhood Educator, M.A ECEBC Member  
Jolana Bozanich, Early Childhood Educator,  
Annabella Cant, PhD  
Vanessa Clark, PhD  
Alexis Conlinn, Early Childhood Educator, ECEBC Member  
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Gabrielle Young. Early Childhood Educator, ECEBC Member  
Rachel Yu, Early Childhood Educator, M.A

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Letter to Minister Chen  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018 11:45:39 AM

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Thanks!

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

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**From:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018 11:31 AM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Letter to Minister Chen

Fyi- Just spoke with s.22

providers referred to us by the MLA).

s.22

are business partners and they were both on the call last night. Here is a

summary:

s.22

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Gunn, Paula MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: LTE\_Childcare MRN\_Apr 16 2018\_DRAFT  
**Date:** Monday, April 16, 2018 2:28:52 PM  
**Attachments:** [LTE\\_Childcare MRN\\_Apr 16 2018\\_DRAFT 2.docx](#)

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**From:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 1:00 PM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: LTE\_Childcare MRN\_Apr 16 2018\_DRAFT  
Cleaned up copy attached.

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**From:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 10:54 AM  
**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** LTE\_Childcare MRN\_Apr 16 2018\_DRAFT

So this clocks in at 171 words thus far meaning you have a bit of wiggle room on the intro if you wish to take it - kj



**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Arora, Jasleen AG:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: May cc tour plan  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 11:06:03 AM

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Okay – we only have next Wednesday opened for this trip.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 11:05 AM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: May cc tour plan

I will have a couple of decals ready for April 30<sup>th</sup>. Full delivery is for May 3<sup>rd</sup>. So if you want to drop in to this centre with a decal after May 3<sup>rd</sup> no problem. We could alert local press. If there is a govt MLA in this area suggest you or Jasleen invite them too.

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:27 AM  
**To:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: May cc tour plan  
**Importance:** High  
Hey Karen,

Any chance for a decal event?

Sincerely,

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:19 AM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: May cc tour plan

**Importance:** High

Niki please see below and attached. Are we good to go w/ just two sites to visit?

Best,

**Emily White**

*Administrative Coordinator*

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**From:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:18 AM

**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Subject:** RE: May cc tour plan

Yes I did.

I only have two confirmed. One said no, and one didn't respond. The 5<sup>th</sup> one is federally funded, so not suitable.

Does MSKC still want to do it with only two? They both said morning so I have done a rough itinerary – see attached. I can finalize the itinerary once you confirm it is still a go.

Thanks

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:03 AM

**To:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX

**Subject:** RE: May cc tour plan

Hi Krista –

I just wanted to follow up and see if you had a chance to connect w/ the CC providers and confirm some times for the 2<sup>nd</sup>?

Best,

**Emily White**

*Administrative Coordinator*

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 9:54 AM

**To:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX

**Subject:** RE: May cc tour plan

Thank you!

**Emily White**

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**From:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX

**Sent:** Monday, April 23, 2018 5:36 PM

**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Subject:** RE: May cc tour plan

Thanks Emily.

I have already reached out to the 5 providers for May 4, however I will contact them again and let them know the change in dates, which may actually work better for some.

Will get back to you.

Krista

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Sent:** Monday, April 23, 2018 4:24 PM

**To:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: May cc tour plan

**Importance:** High

Hi Krista –

A change of plans for MSKC's tour. Noted below is Coquitlam to take place in the late May break week.

However, Niki and MSKC would like to do a tour of the Coquitlam child care spaces next week on Wednesday.

Can you please have staff reach out to the CC spaces and set this up? As well, if you could please provide a detailed itinerary that would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you,

**Emily White**

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 9:38 AM

**To:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX; Massey, Christine MCF:EX

**Cc:** White, Emily MCF:EX; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX

**Subject:** May cc tour plan

Hello Everyone,

Here are our thoughts on the May child care tour. Locations and times may have to be adjusted because of travel. Please let us know your advice on places to visit in the region.

MSKC (Northwest coast)

- 1) Monday(possible travel day), Tuesday, Wednesday - Smithers, Prince Rupert (or other locations in region)
- 2) Thursday – Sunshine Coast (if MKC is doing Aboriginal Head Start announcement, we could find on or off-reserve child care to visit with MSKC)
- 3) Friday – Coquitlam (locations were already mapped out, we just had to cancel a couple times)

MKC (Northeast, Kootenays)

- 1) M-W: opt-in decal visits in West Kootenay
- 2) Thursday: Prince George – do Aboriginal HeadStart announcement  
- visit an opted in childcare
- 3) Friday: Nelson: Visit Nelson opted-in childcare  
Speak to the West Kootenay Early Years Conference/awards

Sincerely,

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From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
Cc: [White, Emily MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Re: meeting requests to be scheduled soon  
Date: Thursday, April 5, 2018 11:33:39 AM

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Hello,

Just following up with this - emily -please reach out to them today

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2018, at 12:51 PM, Sharma, Niki MCF:EX <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Christine and Emily,

Minister Chen would like to ensure that these providers get the information they need to make their decisions.

We are entering session in Victoria again and with busy schedules, I am thinking we should be able to find times to schedule telephone meetings from Victoria. This way we can engage with larger groups of providers from different parts of the province.

Christine, would like to talk about the ability of the team to set these up and Emily can help with scheduling.

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Chen, Katrina MCF:EX" <[Katrina.Chen@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Katrina.Chen@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 3, 2018 at 11:56:15 AM PDT  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** meeting requests to be scheduled soon

**Providers who asked for meetings:**

s.22

**Providers who asked for more information - redirected to staff, but we may include them in a phone conference.**

s.22

**Another meeting request from multi-age (Tracie) - please book a time with them as well.**

Hello Katrina, We are setting up our first Multi-Age association meeting today. We are working hard to move forward to working with the ministry so we can give our feedback regarding a new standard of care within in-home childcare. I'm wondering if after we hear the call ins Monday and Tuesday that you might be able to do a call in meeting for our group we want to have another meeting in 2 weeks to gain more footing as far as the as far as the multi-age association goes. Today I'm going to remind our member that you truly do care and have been in constant communication since December. We believe in the plan that we have collective created and I proposed to you. I am currently finishing up my degree in the hope that we might be able to move forward with higher educational requirements which are so important for quality childcare. I think short term that if MA childcare can be equally seen to group for group licenses, it would be a huge step to encourage programs to opt-in. We need to

8:51AM



work towards this. It really is so important to acknowledge the ECE qualification for two reasons; 1. MA is at the tops of the family fee range so if we implement a fee increase to cover staff wages or educational requirements, we may not be approved, scaring away providers from opting in. 2. The fee reduction for families attending a group program isn't enough. Caregivers have said they will have families leaving their group program because they think we are lying or withholding the full fee reduction. I have had a couple families ask me this myself, until I explained it. You see family childcare is a pretty big insult to MA providers. CCOF funding is low which we are quite frustrated with due to ECE Staffing needs and additional educational requirements to uphold our ECE license, but the fee reduction and family designation is very insulting to us. So that is a really big concern. If this were addressed, I know that every single MA would opt in without a doubt.

If you'd like to send me a letter to share with the multi-age providers, we are meeting from 12-1pm today. You can email it to me.

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s.22 I can read it to everyone and post it to our FB page.

s.22

Or to

I would love to share a word from you

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [White, Emily MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Re: Meeting w/ Minister Chen  
Date: Friday, April 13, 2018 2:38:01 PM

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It's good to reach out to all

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 13, 2018, at 1:58 PM, White, Emily MCF:EX <[Emily.White@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Emily.White@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

**Emily White**

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**From:** Sharlene Wedel [<mailto:Sharlene.Wedel@options.bc.ca>]

**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 1:57 PM

**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Subject:** RE: Meeting w/ Minister Chen

I was thinking I would like to reach out to all our care providers to invite them on the call or would you prefer it only be the ones we have directly heard from?



Sharlene Wedel  
Program Manager  
Child Care Options Resource & Referral  
[website](#) | P: (604) 572.8032 ext.1510



-----Original Message-----

From: "White, Emily MCF:EX" <[Emily.White@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Emily.White@gov.bc.ca)>

To: "Sharlene Wedel" <[Sharlene.Wedel@options.bc.ca](mailto:Sharlene.Wedel@options.bc.ca)>

Date: Fri, 13 Apr 2018 20:49:59 +0000

Subject: RE: Meeting w/ Minister Chen

Okay, we can put this in for 5:15pm – 6:00pm on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Can you confirm how many (and who) will be on the call on your end? It will help me determine which conference call details to use.

Thank you,

**Emily White**

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**From:** Sharlene Wedel [<mailto:Sharlene.Wedel@options.bc.ca>]

**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 1:47 PM

**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Subject:** Re: Meeting w/ Minister Chen

Thank you Emily,

I realize we need to do this in a quick time frame however the best time will be an evening can you send me the details for Tuesday at 5 pm and we will do our best to reach out to as many as possible to inform them of the call.



Sharlene Wedel  
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-----Original Message-----

From: "White, Emily MCF:EX" <[Emily.White@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Emily.White@gov.bc.ca)>

To: "'Sharlene Wedel'" <[Sharlene.Wedel@options.bc.ca](mailto:Sharlene.Wedel@options.bc.ca)>

Date: Fri, 13 Apr 2018 19:14:52 +0000

Subject: Meeting w/ Minister Chen

Hi Sharlene –

I understand you and Minister Chen ran into each other recently, and you spoke about setting up an urgent meeting w/ yourself and some child care providers you wanted to connect w/ the Minister. I am happy to set up a conference call for next week. I have listed some date/time options that work well on our end. If you can please let me know which date works best for you, I can send through details.

Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – between 2:30pm and 4:00pm

Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – between 1:30pm and 3:00pm or 5:00pm to 6:30pm

Thank you kindly,

**Emily White**

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [White, Emily MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting w/ Minister Katrina Chen  
**Date:** Monday, April 16, 2018 11:10:05 AM

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Hi Emily,

Please explain to Karen that it is difficult for Minister Chen to leave Victoria on week night during session and most of her schedule is booked in her Burnaby riding on the weekends. If the meeting is in person with Ronna-Rae, Minister Chen could call in. That may be the easiest way to accommodate.

Sincerely,

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 8:46 AM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Meeting w/ Minister Katrina Chen

**Emily White**

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**From:** S.22

**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 4:13 PM

**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Subject:** Re: Meeting w/ Minister Katrina Chen

Dear Emily,

The initial set up for a meeting with MLA Ronna-Rae Leonard was for a face to face meeting with providers, not a conference call. Is the proposed meeting with Minister Katrina Chen in attendance with MLA Ronna-Rae Leonard a conference call? Our group of providers would certainly appreciate an in person meeting with Minister Katrina Chen and

MLARonna-Rae Leonard if that is possible, if not please advise how to proceed with set up for a conference call.

When in conversation about the initial meeting with MLA Leonard, it grew from private to public due to the number of attendees. How does attendee numbers reflect the type of meeting we are requesting, now that the added guest is Minister Katrina Chen, if in person? As you are aware, the meeting was cancelled, as we requested that a representative from ECEBC was not present, and it could not go forward otherwise.

As the providers in this group are all owners and operators, the meeting cannot be during the work day, as many of them are working solo. The meeting must begin at the latest possible time, and preferably after business hours (after 5:30pm) or on a Saturday.

When I have clarification on the above mentioned, I will then edit the attendees if needed.

Sincerely,

s.22

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**From:** "White, Emily MCF:EX" <[Emily.White@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Emily.White@gov.bc.ca)>

**To:** s.22

**Cc:** "Page, Tasha LASS:EX" <[Tasha.Page@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Tasha.Page@leg.bc.ca)>, "Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX" <[Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca)>, "Rathje, Leanne LASS:EX" <[Leanne.Rathje@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Leanne.Rathje@leg.bc.ca)>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 10:54:55 AM

**Subject:** Meeting w/ Minister Katrina Chen

Good morning s.22

I am emailing on behalf of Minister Katrina Chen.

I understand MLA Ronna-Rae Leonard had been in contact w/ you previously about setting up a conference call w/ local childcare providers, but this had been cancelled.

I am hoping to reschedule this w/ Minister Chen's attendance, before April 20<sup>th</sup>. I have listed some date/time options below, if you can please let me know what will work best on your end. Additionally, I have listed the names of the local childcare providers I have been given. Please let me know if I am missing anyone.

**Dates:**

Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>: b/w 8:30am and 10:00am, 11:00am and noon, or 3:00pm and 5:30pm

Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>: b/w 2:00pm and 3:00pm or between 5:00pm and 6:30pm

**Providers:**

s.22

Thank you kindly,

**Emily White**

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From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: s 22  
Subject: Re: Multi Age Child Care Association  
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 4:51:11 PM

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Thank you very much for this email and for laying out your recommendations. I have passed this to staff and we will get you a response.

Also, I think it would be great to schedule a meeting between you and staff so that we can exchange your data and information.

I will ask them to reach out to you and schedule.

Niki

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 11, 2018, at 2:28 PM, s.22 wrote:

Hello,

Thank-You so much for taking the time to call and speak with our group last night, I know you have spent hours speaking with many different providers, groups and parents. And I know that some have not been very kind in sharing their thoughts and I know that you are diligently working toward a plan that works for providers, parents and most importantly children. I really want to let you know that your efforts are not unappreciated. The MACCABC are proud to work with a government who care about childcare and about high quality childcare and we care about, and support the government in these changes.

Nikki, thanks again for reiterating that you chose Multi-Age childcare for your child. I am so impressed with the commitment and passion you have with this new childcare plan and it shows. I proudly share that information with the other members of MACCABC.

I have been thinking about our discussion on the phone yesterday, and I wanted to share a couple of follow-up thoughts with Christine, Nikki, and Minister Chen. We noticed today that the BCCCOA have posted a letter with recommendations to the government regarding changes with licensed childcare and multi-age care specifically, and we do not support this letter and have not been consulted and do not believe any MA providers have been consulted with this letter. We are not sure about the intentions of the BCCCOA and have no affiliation with that association, in fact, I am not sure if they are even an association. The Multi Age Childcare Association of BC are committed to working with the

ministry and on behalf of MA providers to create a made for BC childcare plan. Nikki, and Minister Chen, I submitted to you a 4 step plan that would help increase spaces in childcare, encourage LNR to become licensed and to encourage FCC to become IHMA.

We see that many FCC providers want to take their education and get that ECE but cannot logistically get that education nailed down due to funding and also of course the need to be away from their programs.

We spoke with you last night about the "Call to Action" that would encourage ECE qualified MA programs to continue operating quality care, and increase that quality. We spoke about the incentive to get FCC to MA, with the education levels, and to work with LNRs to move forward as well.

Here is a breakdown to the main issues that need addressing immediately with the new FRI and CCOF funding changes. We have data that can be shared in person to show the breakdown of comparable differences in charges for MA care and Family Childcare and why MA care is at the top of the FCC fees as well as at the bottom of group care fees, which poses a serious issues with our programs and the fee structures.

Recommendations for immediate change to policy:

1. Acknowledge Multi-Age child Care as Group ECE led Childcare by  
  
amending CCOF designation with equal CCOF funding to group care.  
  
Allowing the ability to hire ECE qualified staff that are not required for  
  
ratio in FCC.
2. Acknowledge Multi-Age with group fee reductions, acknowledging the use  
  
of ECE qualified professionals and their employees, as the indicator for  
  
higher quality childcare. ECE qualification is, as indicated by studies, to be  
  
an important part of quality childcare, and in fact may the most important  
  
part in the quality of care and a parent should not be penalized for

choosing ECE led Multi-Age care.

3. Amend the childcare map to include Multi-Age designation, rather than Family designation we are ECE certified or higher professionals.
4. Pay the CCFRI separately and send a breakdown of the CCFRI that is paid to the providers to prevent confusion and accidental mishaps.
5. Appoint a representative from the Multi-Association of British Columbia to the Provincial Child Care Advisory Committee, to give feedback on our unique type of childcare in BC. It is of great importance to include a representative of Multi-Age Childcare Association as a stakeholder in the creation of policy of quality, and accessible childcare for families in BC. In reviewing the type of care we provide, it is evident that both the ECEBC, and ministry, are in need of support and guidance in moving unregulated and unlicensed childcare to licenced programs with trained professionals. Multi Age programs have the flexibility to become the standard for best practice as an alternative to group programs and are a model for quality in choices for care in BC.

Thanks again and I look forward to meeting with you in person Christine.

Yours Truly,



s.22

Representative of membership,

Multi Age Child Care Association of British Columbia

\*Recommendations made by the Multi-Age Child Care Association of BC to  
Ministry of Children and Family development made regarding Multi-Age  
Childcare programs allocated within this new Childcare BC plan rolled out after  
Budget announcement February 2018.

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [White, Emily MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Niki Sharma  
**Date:** Friday, April 6, 2018 1:13:28 PM  
**Attachments:** [image004.jpg](#)  
[image005.jpg](#)  
[image006.jpg](#)  
[image007.png](#)  
[image008.png](#)  
[image009.png](#)

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Hey Emily,

Thanks for forwarding. I have reached out to Tracey for more details.

Niki

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 6, 2018, at 12:42 PM, White, Emily MCF:EX <[Emily.White@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Emily.White@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Tessa –

I have CC'd Niki on this email. However, I can help coordinate the Ministers schedule re: the event you are planning. Would you be able to provide some more details on the event? I.e., date, time, location, topics you want the Minister to speak to.

Thank you!

Best,

**Emily White**

*Administrative Coordinator*

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**From:** Tessa Russel [<mailto:trussel@ywcavan.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, April 6, 2018 12:35 PM

**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Subject:** Niki Sharma

Hi Emily,

Janet Austin's EA passed on your email address to me as I am looking to connect with Niki Sharma about being a possible speaker at an event that we are planning.

Would you be able to send me Niki's email or her EA's email so we can connect with her?

Thanks so much for your time and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

**Tessa Russel**

*Acting Manager*

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**From:** Amanda Frith

**Sent:** April 6, 2018 10:16 AM

**To:** Chantelle Krish <[ckrish@ywcavan.org](mailto:ckrish@ywcavan.org)>

**Cc:** Tessa Russel <[trussel@ywcavan.org](mailto:trussel@ywcavan.org)>

**Subject:**

Hi Chantelle,

Emily should be able to help you track down Niki's email address.

**Emily White**

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Thanks,

**Amanda Frith**

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From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Jack, Carolyn GCPE:EX](#)  
Subject: Re: Nikki - cute pic of you!  
Date: Friday, April 27, 2018 6:04:31 PM  
Attachments: [image001.png](#)  
[image002.gif](#)  
[image001.png](#)  
[image002.gif](#)

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Hello!

Thanks so much for sending. It's so nice that we are running in to each other lately!

Have a lovely weekend.

Niki

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 27, 2018, at 11:07 AM, Jack, Carolyn GCPE:EX <[Carolyn.Jack@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Carolyn.Jack@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Check it out:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/bcgovphotos/>

<!--[if !vml]--><!--

image002




[endif]-->

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Chen, Katrina MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: OPPORTUNITY: May 22 - ECEC event at VIU  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 4:19:13 PM

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If you want to do it, we could start with Vancouver Island and head north.

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 4:17 PM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** Re: OPPORTUNITY: May 22 - ECEC event at VIU

That's the break week so we may be travelling to other parts of B.C., too?

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On Apr 17, 2018, at 3:04 PM, Sharma, Niki MCF:EX <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Interested?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Perry, Alisma, MCF:EX" <[Alisma.Perry@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Alisma.Perry@gov.bc.ca)>

**Date:** April 12, 2018 at 2:36:28 PM PDT

**To:** "Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX" <[Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca)>, "Gunn, Paula MCF:EX" <[Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca)>, "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>, "White, Emily MCF:EX" <[Emily.White@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Emily.White@gov.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** "Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX" <[Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca)>, "D'Souza, Pamela GCPE:EX" <[Pamela.DSouza@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Pamela.DSouza@gov.bc.ca)>, "Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX" <[Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca)>, "Brandt, Keely GCPE:EX" <[Keely.Brandt@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Keely.Brandt@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: OPPORTUNITY: May 22 - ECEC event at VIU

Thanks Kirsten. Looks like MKC might be travelling in northern BC that day. Over to Niki for MSKC's consideration!

Alisma

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**From:** Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 2:26 PM  
**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Perry, Alisma, MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX; D'Souza, Pamela GCPE:EX; Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX; Brandt, Keely GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** OPPORTUNITY: May 22 - ECEC event at VIU  
Hi Paula & Alisma,

AEST and Vancouver Island University are planning an event on May 22 (11 a.m.) at VIU's Cowichan Campus. Some details are below. They'd like to know if Minister Conroy is available to attend and speak? I've cc'd Niki as well because this has an early years focus so if MKC is unable to go, perhaps MSKC could go instead.

This could be part of an island tour during break week. . . .

Thanks,  
Kirsten

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**From:** Frattaroli, Angela GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018 8:29 AM  
**To:** Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** ECEC event at VIU  
Good morning Kirsten,

We are working on an event to announce \$815,000 in funding to support the delivery of an Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) program at Vancouver Island University's Cowichan Campus in partnership with Stz'uminus First Nation and Cowichan Tribes. The program was a submission through our ministry's Aboriginal Community-Based Training Partnerships program call for proposals, but the funding was a partnership between AEST and CFD.

VIU and our MO have agreed on a date of May 22. MO has requested that the event be at 11 am.

Would Minister Conroy be available to speak?

Thank you,  
Angela

**Angela Frattaroli**

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From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX](#)  
Subject: Re: Paragraph for Katrina (take 2)  
Date: Thursday, April 5, 2018 1:13:41 PM

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Yes, but I think MSKC has posted with this one already

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2018, at 1:06 PM, Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX <[Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Is this a private provider?  
Aileen Machell  
Issues Manager  
778.584.0257

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 24, 2018 11:18 AM  
**To:** Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: Paragraph for Katrina (take 2)

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** s.22  
**Date:** March 22, 2018 at 6:39:44 PM PDT  
**To:** [niki.sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:niki.sharma@gov.bc.ca)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Paragraph for Katrina (take 2)

Hi Niki - this is a great story - she is from s.22 B.C

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**From:** s.22  
**To:** s.22  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 5:58:57 PM  
**Subject:** Paragraph for Katrina (take 2)  
My name is s.22, I own and operate s.22, a  
group childcare Center on s.22 I am choosing to opt-in to the new  
childcare fee reduction program.

After s. years in the field, I often reflect on my 'why' ....why do I care for young children? I am here because I want to make a difference in the lives of the children whom I care for. I do this work because I want to increase their quality of life. I am passionate about supporting families.

When I think about how this fee reduction will support and increase their quality of life, I would feel unethical if I didn't opt in. I believe this is the start of a really good thing.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Gunn, Paula MCF:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [White, Emily MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Question - Mtg time on March 29 now April 5th for Paula and Niki  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 11:48:44 AM

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Late morning works for me

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2018, at 10:42 AM, Gunn, Paula MCF:EX <[Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Yes, that is a good day for me – late morning would be good but at this point whatever time works best for you Niki.

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 8:48 AM  
**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Question - Mtg time on March 29 for Paula and Niki  
**Importance:** High

FYI – I understand this didn't go ahead on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Can you both confirm time on Thursday (April 5) for this? Paula, I see in your calendar you're free pretty much the whole day. Niki – will a time work for you?

Thank you,

**Emily White**

*Administrative Coordinator*

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**From:** Brandt, Keely GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 8:46 AM  
**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Question - Mtg time on March 29 for Paula and Niki

Hi Emily,

This still needs to be scheduled, is there any time this week that works for both of them? Thank you!

Keely

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**From:** Brandt, Keely GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 9:30 AM  
**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Question - Mtg time on March 29 for Paula and Niki



Morning Emily,

Karen needs to meet/talk with Paula and Niki re: Child Care tours, they were supposed to have this conversation earlier but it got side-tracked. Do both of them have an available time on March 29? We can make it a teleconference. Let me know 😊

Thank you!

Keely Brandt

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Questions from Last Nights Teleconference Call  
**Date:** Monday, April 16, 2018 6:38:27 PM

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Sorry!

Looks like it went to the CCOF email.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 16, 2018, at 6:32 PM, Massey, Christine MCF:EX <[Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

I don't recall this. Will review

cm

On Apr 16, 2018, at 6:18 PM, Sharma, Niki MCF:EX <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Christine,  
Did I miss sending this along?

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

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**From:** S.22

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018 2:11 PM

**To:** MCF Child Care Operating Fund, MCF:EX

**Cc:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** Questions from Last Nights Teleconference Call

Hello,

My name is S.22, A Licensed Family Child Care Provider in S.22

At last nights teleconference I invited other Licensed Family Child Care Providers to my home so that we could listen together. There were 14 of

us in the room listening.

After the call was over we had a round table discussion on what we had learned as well as what we still needed clarification on.

I was in the queue to ask a question but unfortunately some people did not limit themselves to just two questions as proposed in the beginning.

Below are our questions after our round table discussion we still need some clarifications on:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->What does the Child Care Parent Fee Reduction Initiative call full time care?

Reasons we are asking is some in the room take one or two Fridays off in a month but their parents are still paying for full time care. Others have it in their contracts that 4 days a week care is classified as full time because for a Family Child Care to get someone who wants only that particular day a week is next to impossible. We still let the parents bring their child on the other days as we explain to them they may need to use the other day as a Doctor day, getting errands done, etc. It is up to the parent if the need to bring the child on the day they do not need care for but the parent is still paying full time rates.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->With the New Initiative funding what happens in the month when a child turns 3 so is moving into the different funding category?

With CCOF funding we are allowed to count the birthday child for the full month as the lower rate and they move into the upper age category the following month. Will this be the same? Also would this be true if the child's birthday was on the first of the month?

<!--[if !supportLists]-->3. <!--[endif]-->With regards to the online reporting of the base CCOF funding and the Child Care Parent Fee Reduction Initiative will it be two reports we would be filling out or will it be on one report?

We were just wondering about the amount of paperwork as there are some FCC's around the province who only have part timers but that those P/T people fill up 4 or 5 spaces. So they will be working with 8 or more families at a time.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->4. <!--[endif]-->As the reporting is changing that we file our reports on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month before to get our payment on the first of the month for that month ( Example: April 20<sup>th</sup> reporting to be paid May 1<sup>st</sup> for the month of May) will there be a way to send in any amendments for things like a child who may start our program in the middle of May but we have already put our paperwork in for that month?

<!--[if !supportLists]-->5. <!--[endif]-->Now it was hinted at but not confirmed on the call last night that we would possibly be getting paid for our holidays and stats(as long as it wasn't a full month or two). As of right now with the CCOF we can not put in our holidays

on our reports. When this is confirmed can you answer this question for us. This is a big question and is what is really holding people back from opting into the new initiative from the talk around our round table last night.

6. This question is for as we move down the road to a Universal Child Care System and all child care is publicly funded will vaccinations become a stumbling block in the system. As most of us have read a publicly funded system can not excluded non-vaccinated children from their programs. In FCC some of us have in our contracts that children must be vaccinated to come into our programs. The reasons range from someone in the household has an immune disorder or a grandchild has a low immune system so if the children in care during the week were not vaccinated the grandchild could not come over on the weekends. To the provider has made this decision for the overall health of themselves and the children who are in there care.

This is not something that is with the new initiative but something to be considered as we move forward on this journey with the plan and needs to be considered.

7. With regards to the Minor Capital Funding that is opening up for Family Child Care Providers. Could you give some more parameters on what that may be as this is all new to FCC. I read on the website about using it to comply with Licensing regulations. An example is one person rents their house and the landlord will not fix the kitchen floor so it has been written up on her Annual Licensing reports that the floor always looks dirty. Would the Minor Capital Funding be something that she could apply for to use for the purpose of fixing her floor to comply with her Licensing Officers Report?

Thank you very much,  
Submitted by S.22

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Minister, MCF MCF:EX](#); [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#); [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Redirect - 201875 - s.22  
**Date:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 10:10:04 AM

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Hello,

I agree that Education should handle this response.

Thanks

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

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**From:** Minister, MCF MCF:EX

**Sent:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 10:04 AM

**To:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX; Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Redirect - 201875 - s.22

Hi All,

Please see attached. I would have said this is for Education... surprised they sent it to us. Similar to the Vancouver School Board issues and that went through MinEd.

Niki perhaps you can have a look and direct? If not education then I guess childcare.

Cheers,

Edena

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**From:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX

**Sent:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 7:04 AM

**To:** Minister, MCF MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Redirect - 201875 - s.22

Good morning!

Apologies on the delay in sending this over for MO review and recommendation.

Thanks,

Rhea

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**From:** EDUC Correspondence EDUC:EX

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 9:10 AM

**To:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX

**Cc:** EDUC Correspondence EDUC:EX

**Subject:** Redirect - 201875 - s.22

Good morning Rhea,

Can you please advise if this is something MCFD can respond to?

Thank you,

Ally

Ally Lee | Writing Services and Documents Coordinator

Deputy Minister's Office | Ministry of Education

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#); [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Ministry call to childcare provider  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 1:35:33 PM

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Great! thanks

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

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**From:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 1:31 PM  
**To:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Ministry call to childcare provider  
Hi Christine,

You've followed up on this request. See attached.

Thanks!

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**From:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:47 AM  
**To:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Request for Ministry call to childcare provider  
Rhea – do you have this one for follow up in Cliff? If not, I will follow up through the branch. Thx.

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:47 AM  
**To:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Request for Ministry call to childcare provider  
Hi Christine,

Got asked if we connected with her?

Thanks

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

**The Hon. Katrina Chen**

Minister of State for Child Care

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 1:21 PM  
**To:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: Request for Ministry call to childcare provider  
FYI - thanks

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Beare.MLA, Lisa LASS:EX" <[Lisa.Beare.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Lisa.Beare.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 3, 2018 at 1:19:48 PM PDT  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: Request for Ministry call to childcare provider

Hi Niki,  
I hope you had a great long weekend!  
Just a quick note regarding my email below to see if there's an update or if you were able to speak with Jeanine.  
Thanks so much,  
Thyra

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**From:** "Beare.MLA, Lisa" <[Lisa.Beare.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Lisa.Beare.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 11:18 AM  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Request for Ministry call to childcare provider

Hi Niki,  
As per our conversation....  
s.22 is a local childcare provider s.22  
She has met with MLA Beare in the past. Lisa called her to see if she was opting in and s.22 said she was planning to, until she started hearing information about providers not getting the subsidy should, for example, a child be out of the centre for two weeks family vacation. She is still confused about the process, even though she's been on the calls and has called in to the info line a couple times.  
Lisa is requesting to have someone from the Ministry call s.22 to answer her questions and clarify any confusion. Her contact information is below.  
Please let me know if you have any questions and please keep me updated so I can let Lisa know the status.

Many thanks,  
Thyra

**Thyra Gillese** | Constituency Assistant | Lisa Beare, MLA Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows  
104-20130 Lougheed Highway, Maple Ridge, BC V2X 2P7  
P: 604-465-9299 | F: 604-465-9294

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**From:** s.22  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 9:04 AM  
**To:** "Beare.MLA, Lisa" <[Lisa.Beare.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Lisa.Beare.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: A Made-In-BC Child Care Plan

Hi Lisa

Thanks for the phone call yesterday...sorry I didn't take your number to call you back.

I phoned for the conference call yesterday I listened for an hour and a half and I didn't even get to answer my question...I had to listen to family daycare talk about their personal experiences. So Im on hold with childcare operating funding again this morning to see if they are able to give me some more answers on my concerns.

thanks

s.22



From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
Cc: [Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Re: RUSH: Childcare operating fund program and the new parent fee reduction- PO 704926  
Date: Thursday, April 5, 2018 12:59:48 PM

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Reply direct please

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2018, at 12:56 PM, Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX <[Rhea.Kuharic@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Rhea.Kuharic@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Niki,  
We are waiting on your direction.  
Thanks.

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 12:53 PM  
**To:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: RUSH: Childcare operating fund program and the new parent fee reduction- PO 704926  
Please see below.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX" <[Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 5, 2018 at 11:40:58 AM PDT  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** **FW: RUSH: Childcare operating fund program and the new parent fee reduction- PO 704926**

PO office has resent this. Writer is threatening to send out to media outlets.

Sincerely,

**Cherie Wilson**

*Administrative Assistant to*

**The Hon. Katrina Chen**

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**From:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 11:24 AM  
**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RUSH: Childcare operating fund program and the new parent fee reduction- PO 704926

Please see below, PO re-sending referral below for MOS review and attention. Initial request sent to MOS on March 28.

Note: Writer is also threatening media involvement. See highlighted section below.

Thanks,

Pam

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**From:** Huycke, Kayla PREM:EX

**Sent:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 10:18 AM

**To:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Childcare operating fund program and the new parent fee reduction-PO 704926

Hi Pam,

This is just a further to from a writer whose email I sent to you earlier this week. We will be closing this particular correspondence on our end.

Thanks so much,

Kayla

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 8:53 AM

**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

**Subject:** Re: Childcare operating fund program and the new parent fee reduction

Dear Honourable Mr. John Horgan,

I'm sure you are very busy, but I'm still waiting for a reply on the matter below.

Unsure if you received my email from March 22, I'm sending this again.

With the unfair funding amounts now in effect, I am anxious to receive an answer, and ideally a correction of the matter.

Meanwhile, I'm thinking the Supreme Court may be very interested to learn about the discrimination of parents and daycare providers. Perhaps it would be possible to respond - or correct - within the next 5 business days, before this will be send to every media outlet in the country.

Regards,

s.22

On Mar 22, 2018, at 9:40 AM, s.22

s.22 wrote:

Dear Honourable Mr. John Horgan,

Thank you very much for following through on your promise to make childcare more affordable. This is a great win for parents and daycare providers alike.

The new child care operating fund program has started to send out amended contracts to providers.

There is one point in these contracts that causes a huge problem with providers and parents alike:

The unfair funding amounts!

The parent cost reduction for a daycare spot in a group daycare is much greater than it is for the same child in a

home daycare.

This leads to unfair advantage of group daycare providers, who are now able drop prices lower than home daycares. It discriminates home daycare providers and manipulates the marked through government prices towards group daycares.

It also discriminate parents that have no opportunity to attend a group daycare. Their discount is essentially much less.

There is no difference between the care provided in a professional home daycare or a group daycare other than the number of children allowed.

Why are the funding amounts for parents different?

I am asking you for an official statement and an explanation as to why the government has decided to discriminate one parent over another, and why the government is discriminating home daycares?

This system represent a massive scale market manipulation that will - in the mid to long term - eliminate home daycares. These hard working people will lose their income and customers to large corporate style group daycares.

It seems very much like an illegal interference with free market concepts.

The government and any of its programs should not manipulate the marketing an unfair way.

I'm sending this message to you only and have not made this request public. I'm a true believer that you and your government can deliver on correcting such unfair treatment without a public stir - it might even provide you with an opportunity to shine as fair leader. Im hoping you are already aware of the outcry this has caused among providers and parents over the last weeks. It's time to take correcting action before this becomes yet another media-driven problem.

I'm look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for taking this issue seriously.

Sincerely,

s.22

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**From:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 28, 2018 6:03 PM

**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX

**Cc:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX

**Subject:** FW: Childcare operating fund program and the new parent fee reduction- PO 704187

Please see below, referral from the PO for MOS' review and direction.

Thanks,

Pam

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**From:** Huycke, Kayla PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 1:35 PM  
**To:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Childcare operating fund program and the new parent fee reduction- PO 704187  
Hi Pam!

Would your office be able to respond to this one?  
Let me know what you think!  
Thank you ☺  
Kayla

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**From:** S.22  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 9:40 AM  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Childcare operating fund program and the new parent fee reduction

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Scan From <Device Name>  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 3:54:25 PM

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I think you already have this one.

Minister reply please

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

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**From:** KAMORTON [<mailto:Kaitlin.Morton@gov.bc.ca>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 11:55 AM

**To:** Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX

**Subject:** Scan From

Letter from S.22

Re: Provincial Child care

From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX](#)  
Cc: [Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX](#); [Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX](#)  
Subject: Re: Statement para reworked  
Date: Monday, April 30, 2018 11:32:52 AM

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I think that reads better thanks.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 30, 2018, at 11:31 AM, Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX <[Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

s.13

**From:** Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 11:29 AM  
**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Statement para reworked  
Maybe changing the so squeezed part?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 30, 2018, at 11:25 AM, Gunn, Paula MCF:EX <[Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Yes that works

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**From:** Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 11:25 AM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Statement para reworked  
How's this:  
s.13

Thanks,

**Kirsten Lauvaas**

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Ministry of Children and Family Development  
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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [White, Emily MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Teleconference: Family Care Association & Minister Chen  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:22:51 AM

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Hi Emily,

Please let her know that MSKC will speak for about 10 min or so, then leave the rest of the time for questions.

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 2:56 PM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Teleconference: Family Care Association & Minister Chen  
**Emily White**

*Administrative Coordinator*

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 2:52 PM  
**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Teleconference: Family Care Association & Minister Chen  
Emily,

Just needing a little more information to let our members know about this call.

Minister Chen will be speaking on the 3 year Child Care Plan and all the benefits to both parents and providers, correct? Will there be any time for any questions and answers?

Providers are interested in the facts about the Child Care Minor Funding that is the first time available to Family Child Care providers. Since this has not been available to us before many have questions on this. Another topic is the education dollars available for providers to get their ECE certificate, questions have been coming up about this as well.

How long will the call take place on Wednesday?

s.22



Sent from Mail for Windows 10

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 2:18 PM

**To:** s.22

**Subject:** RE: Teleconference: Family Care Association & Minister Chen

Hi s.22

Yes, you are correct. It is with the members from the BC Family Child Care Association.

Confirming this call for April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:15pm. I am securing a teleconference line for this meeting and will forward to you as soon as I receive it (likely early tomorrow).

Thank you,

**Emily White**

*Administrative Coordinator*

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 2:14 PM

**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Subject:** RE: Teleconference: Family Care Association & Minister Chen

Hi Emily,

This is great news!

I was under the impression that this teleconference call was for our members of BC Family Child Care Association. So I can put it out to our members but I will not know exact numbers of who will be on the call.

We will make this call work on our end by getting this information out this afternoon to our members and if you could forward the call in details later we can send it out via email to our members.

Will this work from your end?

s.22

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

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**From:** White, Emily MCF:EX

**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 1:24 PM

**To:** s.22

**Subject:** Teleconference: Family Care Association & Minister Chen

**Importance:** High

Good afternoon s.22

I am emailing on behalf of Minister Katrina Chen. I understand you have spoken with ADM Christine

Massey in regards to setting up a call b/w the Family Care Association and Minister Chen this week. I am happy to help with this. The Minister is available for this call at 7:15pm on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

If you can please confirm that this time works well on your end, and who will be joining the call, I can provide call in details.

Thank you kindly,

**Emily White**

*Administrative Coordinator*

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Gunn, Paula MCF:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX](#); [Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX](#); [Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Re: UPDATED: Child Care KMs for MLAs  
**Date:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 12:43:32 PM

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Please send updated ones and we will print for MSKC for her meeting at 1

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 26, 2018, at 12:34 PM, Gunn, Paula MCF:EX <[Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

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**From:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 11:29 AM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX; Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** UPDATED: Child Care KMs for MLAs

Hi Niki,

Here's an updated version of the key messages for MLAs. I've added numbers as of April 20 into Q3. Let me know if you have any changes.

Thanks,

Brendan

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To: [Massey, Christine MCF:EX](#)  
Cc: [Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX](#); [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
Subject: Re: Urgent Childcare provider inquiry  
Date: Monday, April 30, 2018 11:23:03 AM

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Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 30, 2018, at 10:45 AM, Massey, Christine MCF:EX <[Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Anne W contacted this provider this morning. She had requested reconsideration however, instead she had put in a new opt-in application with different rates. An adjudicator will review what she sent in and that will determine next steps.  
cm

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**From:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 9:40 AM  
**To:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX; Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: Urgent Childcare provider inquiry  
Morning,  
Can staff connect with this provider? Thanks  
Niki

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Chen.MLA, Katrina LASS:EX" <[Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 30, 2018 at 9:38:54 AM PDT  
**To:** "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>, "CC Minister MCF:EX" <[CC.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:CC.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>, "Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX" <[Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jasleen.Arora@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Fw: Urgent Childcare provider inquiry

Hi,

I'm forwarding it to both of Niki and Jasleen as I'm not sure if the protocol changed. If you want it to just go to one of you, let us know and I'll update everyone.

Thanks,

Derek

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From s.22  
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 8:22 AM  
To: Chen.MLA, Katrina

Subject: Urgent

My name is s.22 I'm a Multi-Age childcare provider. I do understand that Miss Chen is extremely busy but it is urgent that I speak with her. I have sent few emails to Minister Chen. I have received no reply. I don't want to loose my business due to Opt Inn agreement. I have opted in but got denied fee reduction plan. I would not send so many emails if it was not important. I would really appreciate if she can call me please.

Thank you

s.22

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Arora, Jasleen MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Re: VIU Cowichan announcement with AEST  
**Date:** Thursday, April 26, 2018 3:44:21 PM

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This is workforce related I believe- please check and it may be a good one to schedule between May 4 and 17

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 26, 2018, at 3:43 PM, Sharma, Niki MCF:EX <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

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**Date:** April 26, 2018 at 3:32:50 PM PDT  
**To:** "Gunn, Paula MCF:EX" <[Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca)>, "Sharma, Niki MCF:EX" <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>, "White, Emily MCF:EX" <[Emily.White@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Emily.White@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX" <[Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca)>, "Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX" <[Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: VIU Cowichan announcement with AEST

Hi Niki – do you have any updates on this? Would you like the minister to be part of this event or are you happy for AEST to go ahead without the minister?

Let me know and I can work with them to find a date.

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**From:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 10:39 AM  
**To:** Wright, Brendan GCPE:EX <[Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brendan.Wright@gov.bc.ca)>; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX <[Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Niki.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>; White, Emily MCF:EX <[Emily.White@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Emily.White@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX <[Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karen.V.Johnston@gov.bc.ca)>; Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX <[Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: VIU Cowichan announcement with AEST  
Will leave this one to Niki.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 10:18 AM  
**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX; White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX; Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** VIU Cowichan announcement with AEST  
Hi both,

I let AEST know that Minister Chen was no longer able to make the event at VIU Cowichan on May 22. They've asked if the Minister might be interested in attending if they reschedule the date.

Is there any interest in having one/both ministers there? Are there any dates around the 22 that might work?

Thank you,

Brendan

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Brendan Wright

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**From:** [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
**To:** [Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: your invitation to write to you about issues of concern  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 9:20:17 AM  
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Yes please

Sincerely,

**Niki Sharma**

*Ministerial Assistant to*

**The Hon. Katrina Chen**

Minister of State for Child Care

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**From:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 1:42 PM  
**To:** Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: your invitation to write to you about issues of concern

Hi Niki,

As this letter mentioned meeting MoS Chen who invited her to write in concerns, did you want us to send her an acknowledgement letter informing her concerns were sent to the AG for response?

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**From:** King, Kim J M JAG:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 9, 2018 8:52 AM  
**To:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Minister, AG AG:EX; Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: your invitation to write to you about issues of concern

Good morning Rhea,

Yes, we will respond obo Minister Chen with a pc. I will add to our batch.

*Many thanks,*

*Kim Jung Mee King* | Correspondence Coordinator | [CCU](#)

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**From:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 8, 2018 2:13 PM  
**To:** Minister, AG AG:EX  
**Cc:** King, Kim J M JAG:EX; Newburg, Pam A MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: your invitation to write to you about issues of concern

Hello,

Is your Ministry able to respond to this letter? If so, are you able acknowledge Minister of State, Katrina Chen?

Thanks,

Rhea



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**From:** s.22

**Date:** April 4, 2018 at 11:59:17 AM PDT

**To:** "CC Minister MCF:EX" <[CC.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:CC.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** s.22

**Subject:** your invitation to write to you about issues of concern

Dear Honorable Katrina:

At a recent Greater Vancouver Taiwanese Lunar New Year dinner, you kindly invited me to write to you for issues of public concern. I am attaching a letter to this effect. Thank you for your diligence in allowing public access to you.

Thank you for your attention.

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From: [Sharma, Niki MCF:EX](#)  
To: [Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX](#)  
Cc: [Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX](#)  
Date: Monday, April 30, 2018 8:05:16 AM

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For Immediate Release Ministry of Children and Family Development [Release Number]  
April 30, 2018

May is Child Care Month in B.C.

VICTORIA – Minister of Children and Family Development Katrine Conroy and Minister of State for Child Care Katrina Chen have issued the following joint statement recognizing the importance of Child Care Month in B.C.:

“May is Child Care Month in B.C., an opportunity to highlight the importance of improving access to affordable, quality child care throughout the province Under the new Childcare BC plan to create more childcare spaces, more affordability for more families the first step has been to lower childcare costs so families aren’t so squeezed.

“In April, the first of two Childcare BC affordability measures rolled out: – the child care fee reduction initiative has the goal of lowering the monthly cost of child care for B.C. families who have young children who are enrolled in licensed facilities.

“April is just the first month of the initiative, and we’re happy to say that, so far, XX, 000 B.C. kids families are benefitting from lower childcare fees. That means we’ve been able to work with child-care providers who’ve opted into the program to put \$XX million back in parents’ pockets in this first month alone. It’s our hope that more and more B.C. parents will see savings as providers continue to sign-up.

“The list of child-care providers who are participating is now posted on-line, so parents can see if their provider has opted in and find more information about Childcare BC. (HYPERLINK HERE?)

“In addition, we want to ensure that we are addressing the shortage in childcare so parents find licensed spots for their children. That’s why we’re investing \$237 million to create more than 22,000 new licensed child-care spaces over the next three years. During the coming weeks, we will begin to announce more details about enhanced and redesigned programs – like major and minor capital funding – that will help BC families find licensed childcare in their communities.

“We are also committed to ensuring that BC children can benefit from the highest quality care and early learning experiences. Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) are key to building a system of quality care and early learning. As we build more spaces, we need more qualified ECEs to staff new facilities. We’re working on a labour market study that will help identify key challenges in the sector and inform government’s response.

“We know that the recruitment and retention of ECEs is a major issue in child care right now. ECE workers have a vital role in shaping young children’s lives and they need to be better valued and supported. Preliminary details about the study will be released this coming week, along with more information about professional development and educational supports that are available for ECEs throughout the province.”

“Child Care Month – and Child Care Provider Appreciation Day on May 17 – also give us another opportunity to thank child-care professionals who work hard every day to support B.C. families and set our children on a lifelong path to success. If you know an outstanding child-care provider in B.C., you can nominate them for a Child Care Award of Excellence. Nominations close on July 29th. (HYPERLINK HERE?)

“We can’t achieve our ambitious child-care goals unless we work together – with parents, child-care providers, and communities. From May 21st through the 25th, we’re each touring different regions of the province, dropping in to child-care centres that have joined the fee reduction initiative and talking to community members about child care. These face-to-face discussions will complement a series of telephone town halls we’re hosting towards the end of the month – in the Lower Mainland, on Vancouver Island, up North, in the Interior and on the Coast – to talk to parents about child care and answer their questions.

“We look forward to continuing to work with all of our partners in the child-care sector, moving forward to improve the chaos for parents and businesses by implementing universal child care in B.C and building an economy that works for everyone.”

Learn More:

Child care in B.C.: [www.gov.bc.ca/childcare](http://www.gov.bc.ca/childcare) [link to microsite]

Child-care improvements under Budget 2018: [www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-)

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Childcare BC Blueprint: [www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/family-and-social-supports/child-care/childcare\\_web.pdf](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/family-and-social-supports/child-care/childcare_web.pdf)

To see a list of the child-care providers who are participating in the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative, visit:

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