

## **Chen, Katrina MCF:EX**

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 28, 2020 3:06 PM  
**To:** Banh, Lindsay MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Re: For Review - Thank you letter Correspondence

I hope I did get back to this one to approve it. If I missed it - sorry! Many thanks!

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**From:** Banh, Lindsay MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:09 PM  
**To:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX  
**Subject:** For Review - Thank you letter Correspondence

Hi Minister,

Please see above thank you letter for your approval.

Please note: Christine has indicated that most of what she has proposed, they have done.

Thank you,

**Lindsay Banh**  
*Executive Assistant*  
**The Hon. Katrina Chen**  
Minister of State for Child Care

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 27, 2020 2:26 PM  
**To:** Banh, Lindsay MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Re: For Review - Draft Minister - MLA Throness

Yes it's good. Thank you. Sorry I think I missed this one earlier.

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**From:** Banh, Lindsay MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2020 1:02 PM  
**To:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX  
**Subject:** For Review - Draft Minister - MLA Throness

Hi Minister,

Please see attached response to MLA Throness' two letters for your review. Please have a look at the correspondence and let me know your edits.

Thank you,

**Lindsay Banh**  
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**From:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 27, 2020 12:45 PM  
**To:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Banh, Lindsay MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Follow-up - reports, as discussed

**From:** Lynell Anderson <lynellanderson74@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** April 24, 2020 12:05 PM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX <Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Sharon Gregson <sgregson@telus.net>; Emily Gawlick <Executive.Director@ecebc.ca>  
**Subject:** Follow-up - reports, as discussed

Hello Sarena:

Thanks for your call today, and below/attached are the 2 reports requested:

1. <https://www.policynote.ca/seniors-care-profit/> - Time to end profit-making in seniors' care (Apr 22/20)
2. See 'In Progress' CCPA national fee study report attached. This year's report included a comparison of fees in non-profit and for-profit child care. Below I've excerpted sections of the report, and particularly recommend a review of Figure 4 on p. 21 and Table 7 on p. 39.

Warm regards,

**Lynell Anderson, CPA, CGA**  
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Coquitlam, BC, Canada V3E 2A3  
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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 24, 2020 7:39 PM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: Castanet: 32 spaces will be created in Lavington for young children

This is great...maybe when we chat about new spaces next week, we should talk about how we get back on track with coms. We were supposed to do lots spaces announcements but of course all on hold due to COVID19.

Need some strategies. Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "tno@gov.bc.ca" <tno@gov.bc.ca>  
**Date:** April 24, 2020 at 7:12:48 PM PDT  
**Subject:** Castanet: 32 spaces will be created in Lavington for young children

Castanet

24-Apr-2020 18:57

Quoted: Mayor Jim Garlick, Maven Lane

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<https://www.castanet.net/news/Vernon/298252/32-spaces-will-be-created-in-Lavington-for-young-children>

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 24, 2020 7:37 PM  
**To:** Conroy, Katrine MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Bond, Allison MCF:EX; Perry, Alisma, MCF:EX; Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX; Massey, Christine MCF:EX; May, Cheryl MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Re: For your review

Agree! Thanks so much everyone!

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On Apr 24, 2020, at 7:28 PM, Conroy, Katrine MCF:EX <Katrine.Conroy@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thanks  
s.13

Again thanks for everyones work on this

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Ihanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 24, 2020, at 6:38 PM, Chen, Katrina MCF:EX <Katrina.Chen@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thank for this Alison.

Please see attached documents with changes.

Katrina

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Allison

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**To:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX  
**Subject:** draft

Thank for this Alison.

I'd like to know if the following can be added:

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Don't worry - i found it through an email from caucus.

Thanks!

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Lindsay

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**From:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX <Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 23, 2020 9:21 AM  
**To:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX <Katrina.Chen@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Banh, Lindsay MCF:EX <Lindsay.Banh@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: BC Gov News - B.C.'s essential service workers matched with child care

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Sent: April 23, 2020 9:03 AM

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Subject: BC Gov News - B.C.'s essential service workers matched with child care

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**Subject:** Re: Summary on Thermometers from MLA Rice's Office

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2020 12:32 PM  
**To:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Summary on Thermometers from MLA Rice's Office

Hi Minister,

I just wanted to circle back with you about the request for thermometers from MLA Rice's Office as I know you were interested in the outcome.

- Some child care centres also indicated a desire for thermometers. At this time, the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) does not recommend temperature testing as a screening device. s.13; s.22
- The PHO recommends diligence in hand hygiene and keeping a clean environment as best practice in protection against the spread of COVID-19.
- The Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) is aware that child care centres throughout the province have reported difficulty accessing some cleaning supplies.
- MCFD is heartened by the number of providers who have chosen to remain open to provide care for the children of essential service workers and other families who need it throughout British Columbia.
- The Ministry is exploring options for supporting child care providers to access these supplies.
- The Ministry will communicate directly to providers if they are able to source supplies in a way that supports their organization and operations.

I have also shared this information with MLA Rice's Office as well as let them know about the checklist that we are working on as an alternative to this request. I told them I will share the checklist with them when we are done.

Thank you,

**Lindsay Banh**  
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**Cc:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Letter from the Honourable Katrina Chen, Minister of State for ChildCare, and the Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and FamilyDevelopment

A personal thank you from me too! A simple message is fine. Just let them know how much it means to us to hear the trust from the sector.

Many thanks,  
Katrina

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**From:** Banh, Lindsay MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2020 1:29 PM  
**To:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Letter from the Honourable Katrina Chen, Minister of State for ChildCare, and the Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and FamilyDevelopment

Hi Minister,

I wanted to share this with you as and FYI. It is from a reply to the thank you letter.

Lindsay

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** April 23, 2020 12:02 PM  
**To:** MCF Info MCF:EX <[MCF.Info@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MCF.Info@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Letter from the Honourable Katrina Chen, Minister of State for ChildCare, and the Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and FamilyDevelopment

Thank you on behalf of my colleagues for being expediting all of this in such a quick and easy manner. I am a caregiver that is open and the updates and guidelines that we need to follow to keep all of us safe has been very helpful. I can't thank you all enough for everything you've done for this province. You are praised and commended for all your efforts and I feel you too need to hear it. Sincerely, s.22

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**From:** [MCF Info MCF:EX](#)  
**Sent:** April 22, 2020 2:57 PM  
**To:** s.22  
**Subject:** Letter from the Honourable Katrina Chen, Minister of State for ChildCare, and the Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and FamilyDevelopment

VIA E-MAIL



Dear Early Learning and Child Care Professionals:

Thank you.

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With admiration and thanks,  
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### **Health and Safety Information**

We know that those of you who have centres that remain open are committed to ensuring you are following best practices in the care of your own families and the children in your care. The Ministry of Health has provided guidelines to inform child care operators, early learning and child care professionals, and licensing officers on implementation of best practice. These guidelines were developed by the Ministry of Health and the Centre for Disease Control and have been approved by Dr. Henry. You can read the Guidelines, FAQs and any additional health and safety information as it becomes available here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/child-care-response-covid-19/child-care-response-covid-19-provider/child-care-response-covid-19-health-safety>

### **Temporary Emergency Funding**

The vast majority of providers receiving CCOF have now opted-in to our Temporary Emergency Funding program. Thank you for your patience as we rolled out a new funding system in record time. We are proud that we were able to get funding to both open and closed providers flowing as of April 1, 2020, to ease the financial pressure you are facing. If you are still considering opting in, or have any questions, please call 1 888 338-6622 or visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/running-daycare-preschool/child-care-operating-funding/temp-emergency-funding>

### **Essential Service Workers**

Government also clarified which jobs are to be considered essential service workers. Child care providers in receipt of Temporary Emergency Funding are to prioritize placements for children based on the [essential services workers](#) list using a tiered system. You can find more information here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/child-care-response-covid-19/child-care-response-covid-19-parent/child-care-response-covid-19-parent-form>

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Another FYI

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Dear Minister,

Being acknowledged means so much. Early care and education is an essential service to families in BC and being recognized as such is so good to hear. THANK YOU.

I look forward to the journey coming and am grateful to have a government that supports and will continue to work to see a universal child care system realized in BC. It is the right thing to do and long overdue for families and Early Childhood Educators.

Proud to be on this journey together,

Ann Silberman, Executive Director  
Bowen Children's Centre  
604-947-9626

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[www.bowenchildrenscentre.ca](http://www.bowenchildrenscentre.ca)

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**VIA E-MAIL**

Ref: 249294

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### **Health and Safety Information**

We know that those of you who have centres that remain open are committed to ensuring you are following best practices in the care of your own families and the children in your care. The Ministry of Health has provided guidelines to inform child care operators, early learning and child care professionals, and licensing officers on implementation of best practice. These guidelines were developed by the Ministry of Health and the Centre for Disease Control and have been approved by Dr. Henry. You can read the Guidelines, FAQs and any additional health and safety information as it becomes available here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/child-care-response-covid-19/child-care-response-covid-19-provider/child-care-response-covid-19-health-safety>

### **Temporary Emergency Funding**

The vast majority of providers receiving CCOF have now opted-in to our Temporary Emergency Funding program. Thank you for your patience as we rolled out a new funding system in record time. We are proud that we were able to get funding to both open and closed providers flowing as of April 1, 2020, to ease the financial pressure you are facing. If you are still considering opting in, or have any questions, please call 1 888 338-6622 or visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/running-daycare-preschool/child-care-operating-funding/temp-emergency-funding>

### **Essential Service Workers**

Government also clarified which jobs are to be considered essential service workers. Child care providers in receipt of Temporary Emergency Funding are to prioritize placements for children based on the [essential services workers](#) list using a tiered system. You can find more information here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/child-care-response-covid-19/child-care-response-covid-19-parent/child-care-response-covid-19-parent-form>

**Chen, Katrina MCF:EX**

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 21, 2020 2:13 PM  
**To:** Banh, Lindsay MCF:EX  
**Subject:** (Not urgent) Bio

Hi Lindsay,

This is totally not urgent. I remember Chantille tried to update my bio a while ago, but sorry I can't find the draft that she sent me.

I wonder if you can check and see if you can find a copy of her draft - if not, perhaps we can look at my updated MLA bio on my website and see if we can tweak it a bit?

MLA bio: <http://katrinachen.ca/katrina-chen/>

Many thanks!

Katrina

## Chen, Katrina MCF:EX

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 21, 2020 2:02 PM  
**To:** Larson, Lori MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Re: For Sig: Declaration to Support Related Party Disclosures  
**Attachments:** 20200421135956.pdf

Please see attached. Many thanks!

Katrina

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**From:** Larson, Lori MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 11:36 AM  
**To:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX; Banh, Lindsay MCF:EX  
**Subject:** For Sig: Declaration to Support Related Party Disclosures

Good morning Minister,

I received this email from Krista this morning regarding the attachment that needs to be signed off by yourself. There is a due date of April 30<sup>th</sup> but I'm getting the impression that she may like it sooner than later.



Have a great day.

Lori

Good morning,

Please see attached.

In keeping with prior years and for fiscal year end reporting, the attached declaration must be signed by each of the following persons by April 30:

1. Minister for Ministry of Children and Family Development, Katrine Conroy.
2. Minister of State for Child Care, Katrina Chen
3. Deputy Minister, Allison Bond

Please let me know whether your minister selects Yes or No for the three questions and I will take care of checking them off and adding the esig.

Thanks

**Krista Cain**  
Director, Executive Operations | Client Relations



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**From:** Laird, Corinna A FIN:EX <[Corinna.Laird@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Corinna.Laird@gov.bc.ca)>

**Sent:** April 2, 2020 4:09 PM

**To:** Ackinclose, Tanya EBC:EX <[Tanya.Ackinclose@elections.bc.ca](mailto:Tanya.Ackinclose@elections.bc.ca)>; Boychuk, Dave HLTH:EX <[Dave.Boychuk@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Dave.Boychuk@gov.bc.ca)>; Buljat, Dianne K RCY:EX <[Dianne.Buljat@rcybc.ca](mailto:Dianne.Buljat@rcybc.ca)>; Burke, Michael LASS:EX <[Michael.Burke@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Michael.Burke@leg.bc.ca)>; Butler, Jason FIN:EX <[Jason.Butler@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jason.Butler@gov.bc.ca)>; Fischer, Caryn L AG:EX <[Caryn.Fischer@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Caryn.Fischer@gov.bc.ca)>; Fraser, Brian CSNR:EX <[Brian.Fraser@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brian.Fraser@gov.bc.ca)>; Gingras, Leoni OMBD:EX <[LGingras@bcombudsperson.ca](mailto:LGingras@bcombudsperson.ca)>; Hoadley, David AG:EX <[David.Hoadley@gov.bc.ca](mailto:David.Hoadley@gov.bc.ca)>; Landry, Dara M MMHA:EX <[Dara.Landry@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Dara.Landry@gov.bc.ca)>; Marsh, Patricia A TRAN:EX <[Patricia.A.Marsh@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Patricia.A.Marsh@gov.bc.ca)>; McKinnon, Adam D MCF:EX <[Adam.McKinnon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Adam.McKinnon@gov.bc.ca)>; McLeod, Tamara EDUC:EX <[Tamara.McLeod@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tamara.McLeod@gov.bc.ca)>; McNeill, John OAG:EX <[JMcNeill@bcauditor.com](mailto:JMcNeill@bcauditor.com)>; Mosher, Chris FPB:EX <[Chris.Mosher@bcfpb.ca](mailto:Chris.Mosher@bcfpb.ca)>; Owen, Tim CITZ:EX <[Tim.Owen@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tim.Owen@gov.bc.ca)>; Parmar, Ranbir S CSNR:EX <[Ranbir.Parmar@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Ranbir.Parmar@gov.bc.ca)>; Pratt, Megan SDPR:EX <[Megan.Pratt@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Megan.Pratt@gov.bc.ca)>; Romanova, Tamara MAH:EX <[Tamara.Romanova@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tamara.Romanova@gov.bc.ca)>; Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX <[Jack.Shewchuk@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jack.Shewchuk@gov.bc.ca)>; Skillings, Chris AEST:EX <[Chris.Skillings@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Chris.Skillings@gov.bc.ca)>; Urquhart, Brian JEDC:EX <[Brian.Urquhart@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brian.Urquhart@gov.bc.ca)>; Winter, Sandra PSA:EX <[Sandra.Winter@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sandra.Winter@gov.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** Chomyn, Megan FIN:EX <[Megan.Chomyn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Megan.Chomyn@gov.bc.ca)>; Cyr, Ashleigh FIN:EX <[Ashleigh.Cyr@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Ashleigh.Cyr@gov.bc.ca)>; Gill, Amar FIN:EX <[Amar.Gill@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Amar.Gill@gov.bc.ca)>; Sharratt, Patricia FIN:EX <[Patricia.Sharratt@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Patricia.Sharratt@gov.bc.ca)>; Switzer, Paula MCF:EX <[Paula.Switzer@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Paula.Switzer@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Declaration to Support Related Party Disclosures

***Sent on behalf of Diane Lianga, Executive Director, Financial Reporting and Advisory Services, Office of the Comptroller General, Ministry of Finance, Province of British Columbia:***

Please note the due date of ***Thursday, April 30, 2020.***

**Corinna Laird, CPA, CGA**

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## Chen, Katrina MCF:EX

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 20, 2020 4:24 PM  
**To:** Larson, Lori MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Re: CCWG Fall Meetings

Very sorry for the late response. Yes good for now! Thank you!

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**From:** Larson, Lori MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 10:47 AM  
**To:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Subject:** CCWG Fall Meetings

Good morning Minister,

I've checked both your Minister calendar and MLA calendar and these dates and times don't conflict with anything but wanted to run this by you to make sure that its all good from your perspective. I did chat with Sarena and she had advised me to reach out to you.

Thank you.

Lori

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**From:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX <Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 16, 2020 5:36 PM  
**To:** Larson, Lori MCF:EX <Lori.Larson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Banh, Lindsay MCF:EX <Lindsay.Banh@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: CCWG Fall Meetings

Hi Lori,

I expect that these times work but please double check and let me know.

Thanks,  
Sarena

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**From:** Samadi, Talieh PREM:EX <Talieh.Samadi@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 16, 2020 9:18 AM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX <Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Cain, Krista A MCF:EX <Krista.Cain@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** CCWG Fall Meetings

Good morning Sarena,

We are working on planning the Fall Committees and Working Groups. Would you please let me know if MSKC approves the following proposed dates and times for CCWG?

Thursday, Sept. 17      10-12pm  
Monday, Oct. 26      8-10am  
Wednesday, Dec. 2      1-3pm

Thank you,

Talieh

**Talieh Samadi**

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## Chen, Katrina MCF:EX

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 15, 2020 5:40 PM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Two items

The graphic is great!

The checklist, too. Thank YOU!

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**From:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 4:53 PM  
**To:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Two items

FYI

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**From:** Massey, Christine MCF:EX <Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 15, 2020 4:47 PM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX <Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Renault, Shannon MCF:EX <Shannon.Renault@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Two items

Sarena – the attached two items – the screening questionnaire and poster – are being sent to Emily G and Sandra M for comment.

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## Chen, Katrina MCF:EX

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 14, 2020 11:36 AM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Digital content -- weekly content round-up

I do get them here and there so I think it's fine. Don't worry about it. You have too much on your plate already.

I follow government social media accounts very closely... almost too much. Lol!

Katrina

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**From:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2020 9:46 AM  
**To:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Digital content -- weekly content round-up

Hi Katrina,

Do you get these summaries or is it helpful for me to send them to you as suggestions for social posts?

Sarena

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**From:** Hardin, Karl GCPE:EX <Karl.Hardin@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 11, 2020 1:09 PM  
**Subject:** Digital content -- weekly content round-up

Hi folks,

Sending along the weekly digital content recap. Hope you all are having a restful weekend.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4:

**Be aware of COVID-19 scams**

<https://www.facebook.com/BCProvincialGovernment/posts/3385802684771333>  
<https://twitter.com/BCGovNews/status/1246475144027086848>  
<https://www.instagram.com/p/B-kNImGnwT7/>

**Keep small communities safe**

<https://www.facebook.com/BCProvincialGovernment/posts/3385819028103032>  
<https://twitter.com/BCGovNews/status/1246550635991965696>  
<https://www.instagram.com/p/B-kvdyJBdDx/>

SUNDAY, APRIL 5:

**Emergency financial supports for students**

<https://www.facebook.com/BCProvincialGovernment/posts/3388828901135378>  
<https://twitter.com/BCGovNews/status/1246901704035127305>  
<https://www.instagram.com/p/B-nOVWpBlfq/>

**We must hold the line**

<https://www.facebook.com/BCProvincialGovernment/posts/3388898467795088>  
<https://twitter.com/BCGovNews/status/1246950815388045317>  
<https://www.instagram.com/p/B-no7nVhmVm/>

MONDAY, APRIL 6:

**Apply for the CERB**

<https://www.facebook.com/BCProvincialGovernment/posts/3390862427598692>  
<https://twitter.com/BCGovNews/status/1247283127275458560>  
<https://www.instagram.com/p/B-qB0lbhAJX/>

TUESDAY, APRIL 7:

**Helping unsheltered people self-isolate**

<https://www.facebook.com/BCProvincialGovernment/posts/3393210174030584>  
<https://twitter.com/BCGovNews/status/1247578768501354497>  
<https://www.instagram.com/p/B-sFrWTHsvz/>

**No one is immune from this disease**

<https://www.facebook.com/BCProvincialGovernment/posts/3393490854002516>  
<https://twitter.com/BCGovNews/status/1247615358661468162>  
<https://www.instagram.com/p/B-sT2oph04Q/>

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8:

**All provincial parks are closed**

<https://www.facebook.com/BCProvincialGovernment/posts/3395394120478856>  
<https://twitter.com/BCGovNews/status/1247917681484972033>  
<https://www.instagram.com/p/B-udVldA7N7/>

**For everyone arriving in BC from abroad**

<https://www.facebook.com/BCProvincialGovernment/videos/220083045978963/>  
<https://twitter.com/BCGovNews/status/1247993256559792128>  
[https://www.instagram.com/p/B-u\\_UOhnQ2t/](https://www.instagram.com/p/B-u_UOhnQ2t/)

THURSDAY, APRIL 9:

**Reach out for mental health support**

<https://www.facebook.com/BCProvincialGovernment/posts/3398127490205519>  
<https://twitter.com/BCGovNews/status/1248317292926193664>  
<https://www.instagram.com/p/B-xxzdcIjfb/>

**Apply for renters support**

<https://www.facebook.com/BCProvincialGovernment/posts/3398149163536685>  
<https://twitter.com/BCGovNews/status/1248347491734622215>  
<https://www.instagram.com/p/B-xglOEIrh2/>

FRIDAY, APRIL 10:

**Support for children with special needs**

<https://www.facebook.com/BCProvincialGovernment/photos/a.258924264125873/3400398776645057/>  
<https://twitter.com/BCGovNews/status/1248702535399018496/photo/1>  
[https://www.instagram.com/p/B-0C-\\_hhlbu/](https://www.instagram.com/p/B-0C-_hhlbu/)

**Weekend message: stay home**

<https://www.facebook.com/BCProvincialGovernment/photos/a.258924264125873/3400386549979613/>  
<https://twitter.com/BCGovNews/status/1248649513209905156>  
<https://www.instagram.com/p/B-zq9rOBog7/>

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## Chen, Katrina MCF:EX

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 9, 2020 1:53 PM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Banh, Lindsay MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Update on stakeholder outreach re essential service workers cc form

Thanks so much! And Doctors of BC of course. :)

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 9, 2020, at 1:27 PM, Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX <Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Katrina,

I've been working with all the MOs to make sure our essential service worker child care sign up form gets to those who may need to use it. Here is an update of which stakeholders I've confirmed have received the essential workers sign up form from various MOs:

- Licensed and Assisted Living's registered supportive recovery and mental health facilities
- Overdose prevention services (OPS/SCS). OERC (Opioid Emergency Response Centre) network to distribute the information to Health Authorities and community run OPS/SCS.
- Foundry, Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) and the community counselling orgs
- Information put on the StopOverdoseBC page would be to point people to the place on the COVID 19 page which contains the information on this
- BC Housing and asked them to share on their channels and with partners.
- BCFED
- BCNU
- UNIFOR
- Gord Ditchburn, President, B.C. Professional Fire Fighters Association (BCPFFA)
- Troy Clifford, Provincial President, Ambulance Paramedics & Emergency Ambulance Paramedics of British Columbia (APBC)
- Tom Stamatakis, President, Canadian Police Association (CPA)
- Anne Naser, President and CEO, WorkSafeBC
- Doug King, Executive Director, Together Against Poverty Society (TAPS)
- SDPR has sent to their stakeholders (don't have detailed list)

Sarena



## Chen, Katrina MCF:EX

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 9, 2020 12:19 PM  
**To:** Thomson, Steve  
**Subject:** Re: The Clubhouse

Thank you for the follow up!

I've asked our team to follow up with correspondence to ensure a response soon. Will keep you posted.  
Please take care!

Best wishes,  
Katrina

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**From:** Thomson, Steve <<sup>s.17</sup>>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 09, 2020 10:31 AM  
**To:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX; Chen.MLA, Katrina LASS:EX  
**Cc:** Thomson.MLA, Steve LASS:EX  
**Subject:** The Clubhouse

Good morning Minister,

Thanks for the call the other day on this file. I just wanted to check whether the official correspondence/ communication of the decision on the review has been communicated sent to the agency and Carol. I had not seen it yet.

Thanks and I hope you are staying safe and healthy.

Steve

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## **Chen, Katrina MCF:EX**

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 9, 2020 11:49 AM  
**To:** Banh, Lindsay MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Re: 1:00pm Meeting Materials

Thanks a lot!

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**From:** Banh, Lindsay MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 09, 2020 9:41 AM  
**To:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX  
**Subject:** 1:00pm Meeting Materials

Hi Minister,

Please see attached correspondence sent to Buddings Daycare and an IBN on them as well. This is for your 1:00pm meeting with Ohana Childcare.

Thank you,

**Lindsay Banh**  
*Executive Assistant*  
**The Hon. Katrina Chen**  
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## Chen, Katrina MCF:EX

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 9, 2020 11:49 AM  
**To:** Banh, Lindsay MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Fw: The Clubhouse

Hi Lindsay,

Can you please follow up with correspondence and let me know asap?

Many thanks,  
Katrina

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**From:** Thomson, Steve <s.17 >  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 09, 2020 10:31 AM  
**To:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX; Chen.MLA, Katrina LASS:EX  
**Cc:** Thomson.MLA, Steve LASS:EX  
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## Chen, Katrina MCF:EX

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 7, 2020 3:17 PM  
**To:** Anderson, Dulcy LASS:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Care for School-Age Children of Tier 1 Essential Workers in schools

Hi Dulcy,

Thanks for your important work and kind words. Yes I'm fortunate to work with an amazing team!

Always feel free to connect directly - and call me Katrina please. :)

All the best,  
Katrina

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**From:** Anderson, Dulcy <Dulcy.Anderson@leg.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 06, 2020 3:29 PM  
**To:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Care for School-Age Children of Tier 1 Essential Workers in schools

Thanks so much, Min. Chen. Always a pleasure to work with your ministry; your staff are efficient and responsive, so wanted to be sure that you knew that they were on it. I didn't realize that I was sending to you directly—apologize for lack of formalities!

Dulcy

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX <Katrina.Chen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 6, 2020 3:21 PM  
**To:** Anderson, Dulcy <Dulcy.Anderson@leg.bc.ca>; Banh, Lindsay MCF:EX <Lindsay.Banh@gov.bc.ca>; Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX <Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Care for School-Age Children of Tier 1 Essential Workers in schools

Thanks so much for the information, Dulcy!

Sorry I wasn't aware that you and my office have already been in touch when David shared the information with me. Our child care team will continue to follow up and look into this.

Lindsay/Sarena - please keep me posted. Thank you.

Many thanks,  
Katrina

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**From:** Anderson, Dulcy <[Dulcy.Anderson@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Dulcy.Anderson@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 06, 2020 1:12 PM  
**To:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Care for School-Age Children of Tier 1 Essential Workers in schools

Possibly redundant, but MDE asked that I pass this information along to this email address.

Per MKC conversation with David Eby, this is the framework for Vancouver childcare providers (Vancouver school board also offering services, longer hours and for no cost).

(Last week I made childcare staff aware (Sarena) and info was passed to Min. Education. Melissa in Min. Fleming office noted that they are waiting to see what happens to #s/demand at end of this week and maybe can circle back.)

Dulcy

**From:** HOOSC E.D. - Kelly Han <[ed@hoosc.ca](mailto:ed@hoosc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2020 2:54 PM  
**To:** Anderson, Dulcy <[Dulcy.Anderson@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Dulcy.Anderson@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Care for School-Age Children of Tier 1 Essential Workers in schools

It's no longer "insider intel" - I just received this in my inbox...

Kelly

Kelly Han  
Executive Director, Hudson Out of School Care Society  
Board of Directors, School Age Child Care Association of BC

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

**From:** Angel Li <[ali@wstcoast.org](mailto:ali@wstcoast.org)>  
**Date:** Thu, Apr 2, 2020 at 11:29 AM  
**Subject:** Care for School-Age Children of Tier 1 Essential Workers in schools  
**To:** Angel Li <[ali@wstcoast.org](mailto:ali@wstcoast.org)>

I understand you are getting a lot of information in your inbox right now. It is hard to keep up with everything we need to know. Today I want to share a few updates with you that you should be aware of.

March 31st The Provincial Government announced that School Districts will now be responsible for offering care for school-age children of Tier 1 workers in schools at no cost.

Tier 1 workers include Health and Health Services, Social Services, Law Enforcement, First Responders, Emergency Response workers. List of essential service workers here

**What this means in Vancouver:** VSB is opening several schools to provide this service. We are waiting for a contact person to refer families to register for this care. VSB intends to have an online form or website for parents with more information.

Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre (WCCRC) has an online portal to our referral service for essential workers on our website here: <https://forms.wstcoast.org/s3/childcare-needs>. We are asking all parents living or working in Vancouver who are essential workers with children aged 0-12 register for a referral through our website. We will refer the parents to the appropriate resource for their families. We will also help families with access to the BC Affordable Child Care Benefit to help pay for child care.

**The following excerpt is from the MCFD Information bulletin:**

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020CFD0017-000599>

*The Ministry of Education has been working closely with school districts and independent schools to identify and support children, aged five to 12 years (kindergarten to Grade 6), whose parents are essential service workers, with a focus on public health and health services, social services, law enforcement, first responders and emergency response sectors. School districts and independent school authorities have been asked to ensure students whose parents work in these fields have access to care during **regular before-, during- and after-school hours**.*

*Hours of care will vary by school district and independent school. If essential service workers who have school-aged children need before-, during- and after-hours care for their children, they are asked to contact their school district directly. Most school districts have already reached out directly to families through surveys to gather information on urgent child care needs.*

**Note: in Vancouver don't contact the school district, but go through the WCCRC portal at [www.wstcoast.org](http://www.wstcoast.org)**

The Westcoast online referral form is found here:

<https://forms.wstcoast.org/s3/childcare-needs>

The province has also launched a Child Care Referral Portal on their website for all of BC.

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**Links for more information:**

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<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/child-care-response-covid-19/child-care-response-covid-19-parent>

Information for Child Care Providers:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/caring-for-young-children/child-care-response-covid-19/child-care-response-covid-19-provider>

I know this is a lot to digest. You will probably hear about this from others as well. If you have specific questions that you think we can answer let us know.

Take care of yourselves,

Pam Preston, Executive Director, WCCRC

[ppreston@wstcoast.org](mailto:ppreston@wstcoast.org)

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## Chen, Katrina MCF:EX

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 6, 2020 6:25 PM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Banh, Lindsay MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Re: caucus update

Looks great. A little long but covers important details. Please share with Roseanne! Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 6, 2020, at 5:00 PM, Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX <Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Katrina,

Let me know if this captures what you were hoping for and I'll PDF it and send to Roseanne.

Thanks,  
sarena

<Caucus COVID-19 Child Care Update April 6.docx>



## Chen, Katrina MCF:EX

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 6, 2020 3:21 PM  
**To:** Anderson, Dulcy LASS:EX; Banh, Lindsay MCF:EX; Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Care for School-Age Children of Tier 1 Essential Workers in schools

Thanks so much for the information, Dulcy!

Sorry I wasn't aware that you and my office have already been in touch when David shared the information with me. Our child care team will continue to follow up and look into this.

Lindsay/Sarena - please keep me posted. Thank you.

Many thanks,  
Katrina

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**From:** Anderson, Dulcy <Dulcy.Anderson@leg.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 06, 2020 1:12 PM  
**To:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Care for School-Age Children of Tier 1 Essential Workers in schools

Possibly redundant, but MDE asked that I pass this information along to this email address.

Per MKC conversation with David Eby, this is the framework for Vancouver childcare providers (Vancouver school board also offering services, longer hours and for no cost).

(Last week I made childcare staff aware (Sarena) and info was passed to Min. Education. Melissa in Min. Fleming office noted that they are waiting to see what happens to #s/demand at end of this week and maybe can circle back.)

Dulcy

**From:** HOOSC E.D. - Kelly Han <ed@hoosc.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2020 2:54 PM  
**To:** Anderson, Dulcy <Dulcy.Anderson@leg.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Care for School-Age Children of Tier 1 Essential Workers in schools

It's no longer "insider intel" - I just received this in my inbox...

Kelly

Kelly Han  
Executive Director, Hudson Out of School Care Society  
Board of Directors, School Age Child Care Association of BC

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

From: **Angel Li** <[ali@wstcoast.org](mailto:ali@wstcoast.org)>

Date: Thu, Apr 2, 2020 at 11:29 AM

Subject: Care for School-Age Children of Tier 1 Essential Workers in schools

To: Angel Li <[ali@wstcoast.org](mailto:ali@wstcoast.org)>

I understand you are getting a lot of information in your inbox right now. It is hard to keep up with everything we need to know. Today I want to share a few updates with you that you should be aware of.

March 31st The Provincial Government announced that School Districts will now be responsible for offering care for school-age children of Tier 1 workers in schools at no cost.

Tier 1 workers include Health and Health Services, Social Services, Law Enforcement, First Responders, Emergency Response workers. List of essential service workers here

**What this means in Vancouver:** VSB is opening several schools to provide this service. We are waiting for a contact person to refer families to register for this care. VSB intends to have an online form or website for parents with more information.

Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre (WCCRC) has an online portal to our referral service for essential workers on our website here: <https://forms.wstcoast.org/s3/childcare-needs>. We are asking all parents living or working in Vancouver who are essential workers with children aged 0-12 register for a referral through our website. We will refer the parents to the appropriate resource for their families. We will also help families with access to the BC Affordable Child Care Benefit to help pay for child care.

**The following excerpt is from the MCFD Information bulletin:**

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020CFD0017-000599>

*The Ministry of Education has been working closely with school districts and independent schools to identify and support children, aged five to 12 years (kindergarten to Grade 6), whose parents are essential service workers, with a focus on public health and health services, social services, law enforcement, first responders and emergency response sectors. School districts and independent school authorities have been asked to ensure students whose parents work in these fields have access to care during **regular before-, during- and after-school hours.***

*Hours of care will vary by school district and independent school. If essential service workers who have school-aged children need before-, during- and after-hours care for their children, they are asked to contact their school district directly. Most school districts have already reached out directly to families through surveys to gather information on urgent child care needs.*

**Note: in Vancouver don't contact the school district, but go through the WCCRC portal at [www.wstcoast.org](http://www.wstcoast.org)**

The Westcoast online referral form is found here:

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## Chen, Katrina MCF:EX

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 6, 2020 3:12 PM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Banh, Lindsay MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Re: MCFD Covid-19 Update: Essential Service Workers Matching Process

This is okay - as long as we share the information with all the other key stakeholders in health, social services, first responders, food services, etc....

Many thanks,  
Katrina

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**From:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 06, 2020 1:29 PM  
**To:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Banh, Lindsay MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: MCFD Covid-19 Update: Essential Service Workers Matching Process

See attached for the list stakeholder relations is using to send info to in addition to the CCOF list.

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**From:** Renault, Shannon MCF:EX <Shannon.Renault@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 5, 2020 3:13 PM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX <Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca>; Massey, Christine MCF:EX <Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX <Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: MCFD Covid-19 Update: Essential Service Workers Matching Process

Hi Sarena,

Sorry I didn't get back to you on this last week.

The email went out to all CCOF providers, and our Prototype List and CCRRs.

I had thought this also went out to our organizational SH list – but staff advised that it did not. We can send out to that group on Monday AM. The list is attached for your reference.

### Shannon Renault

Executive Director, Stakeholder Engagement and Divisional Services

E: [shannon.renault@gov.bc.ca](mailto:shannon.renault@gov.bc.ca)

P: 250-886-0845

## Chen, Katrina MCF:EX

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 3, 2020 1:25 PM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Thank you letter for staff

Dear Heroic MCFD Child Care Staff,

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your incredible work over the past two plus weeks. We've been using the term "unprecedented" a lot and it applies not only to the pandemic and challenges our province and globe are facing, but also to the leadership and sheer volume of work that you have all managed to accomplish.

The child care sector has been at the forefront of ensuring that essential services are still being delivered in our communities and you have all worked countless extra hours amid your own stress and changing family situations to support child care providers and early childhood educators with information and an emergency funding package on an incredibly short timeline – all the while continuing your important existing roles!

Thanks to those who are working over the weekend accepting applications and to everyone else I hope you are able to enjoy some well-deserved time for rest and renewal with your loved ones.

I am very proud and not at all surprised that each of you has risen to meet and exceed the challenges we are facing and look forward to working alongside you in the coming weeks and months as this unfolds and we continue to support the child care sector and BC families.

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Katrina

## Chen, Katrina MCF:EX

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 3, 2020 1:19 PM  
**To:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Thank you



## Chen, Katrina MCF:EX

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 3, 2020 12:02 PM  
**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Thank you on behalf of ECE's

Can you please send this provider a personal message from me to let her know that her support and trust really mean a lot to us?

Many thanks,  
Katrina

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**From:** CC Minister MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 02, 2020 4:24 PM  
**To:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX; Massey, Christine MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Thank you on behalf of ECE's

Want you both to see the positive correspondence too!!

Sarena

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

**From:** Chen.MLA, Katrina <Katrina.Chen.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 2, 2020 7:03 AM  
**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX <CC.Minister@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fw: Thank you on behalf of ECE's

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**From:** Tracy Paquin <tracypaquin@me.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 1, 2020 8:31 PM  
**To:** Chen.MLA, Katrina; Dean.MLA, Mitzi; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Thank you on behalf of ECE's

Hello,

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your swift action in supporting childcare centers in British Columbia. I am so proud of our current government. As the owner of a childcare facility, It has been a huge relief that we have been granted the ability to offer ongoing support to our children, families and Early Childhood Educators during such a uncertain time. Hopefully this passes quickly. Stay healthy.

Many thanks.

Tracy Abbott (I/t, ECE)  
Little Friends Childcare  
Victoria BC  
[www.littlefriendschildcare.ca](http://www.littlefriendschildcare.ca)

## **Chen, Katrina MCF:EX**

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 3, 2020 12:01 PM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Mail - Jenny Kwan

Please make sure we've reached out to the provider to see if there's anything we can do to support.

Many thanks,  
Katrina

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**From:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, April 03, 2020 8:27 AM  
**To:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: Mail - Jenny Kwan

FYI- letter from MP Kwan. Staff are preparing a minister signature response.

**From:** LOLARSON <Lori.Larson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 2, 2020 8:13 AM  
**To:** Larson, Lori MCF:EX <Lori.Larson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Mail - Jenny Kwan

## Chen, Katrina MCF:EX

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 2, 2020 11:46 AM  
**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX; Banh, Lindsay MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Inquiry.

This provider followed up with me again. This is already answered in the funding guideline:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/family-and-social-supports/child-care/child-care-operating-funding/covid19/ccof-tef-guidelines.pdf>

While I believe the provider may have to submit an application first before we confirm the exact amount of funding, please ensure a response soon - if not, some folks will continue to message me on social media. I'm trying to redirect them but I feel bad not to be responsive.

Sorry!

Katrina

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 19, 2020 6:43 PM  
**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX; Banh, Lindsay MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Inquiry.

Hi Lori and Lindsay,

Got this on Facebook. Please ensure a response.

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Ash Asli  
- Nanaimo CEFA

Dear Katrina Is there any chance to have sanitizers supplies for school from Government? We are still looking and no luck yet Any advise please Thanks

Thank you so much,  
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All our teachers would love to work but need secure clean space, they are asking for face mask and sanitizer but me and sara spend 3 days to find them no luck  
All stores are sold out,



## Chen, Katrina MCF:EX

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**From:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 2, 2020 9:48 AM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Banh, Lindsay MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Re: National call and additional thoughts

The chart is a great idea!

Please thank her for the feedback - we will and should continue to push on more clarifications and assurances on the health and safety side.

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**From:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2020 4:18 PM  
**To:** Chen, Katrina MCF:EX  
**Cc:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Banh, Lindsay MCF:EX  
**Subject:** FW: National call and additional thoughts

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**From:** Emily Gawlick <executive.director@ecebc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 1, 2020 4:16 PM  
**To:** CC Minister MCF:EX <CC.Minister@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX <Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** National call and additional thoughts

Good afternoon Minister Chen,

I hope you are remaining well and are looking after your individual needs during this very busy uncertain times.

Today I met with the Canadian Child Care Federation and our pan- Canadian affiliates. Every province and territory is really trying hard to manage the child care situation. We are very unique professional body that helps people to get to work. It was highlighted that BC is the only province that has supported child care licensees to access funding whether they are open or not.

ECEBC will continue to bring forward concerns and questions. The health and safety for the children, families and community remain our main focus. The second thing that keeps coming up for licensee and the individual educator is trying to navigate all the federal and provincial initiatives there are to support them. I am wondering if MCFD or a collaboration of Ministries could developed a chart that highlights all the options for the variety of child care facilities and as individuals?

Thank you for continuing to be a voice for child care in BC. Moving forward I hope our organization can be a strong support to you.

Best,

Emily

Emily Gawlick  
ECEBC Executive Director  
Early Childhood Educators of BC  
309- 515 Pender Street,  
Vancouver, V6B 1V5

Standing Strong Together!

## Sebastian, Thejus CITZ:EX

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**From:** Conroy, Katrine MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 24, 2020 3:47 PM  
**To:** Bond, Allison MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Re: update today

Sounds good.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 24, 2020, at 3:26 PM, Bond, Allison MCF:EX <Allison.Bond@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

No formal update – but I would like to discuss our pandemic planning so you know what we are doing. May only be a 15 minute call

## Sebastian, Thejus CITZ:EX

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**From:** Conroy, Katrine MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 24, 2020 4:28 PM  
**To:** Bond, Allison MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Thanks

Could you please let the staff know how much I appreciate all the work they have been doing in response to the COVID 19.

Hoping they all get some much deserved down time this weekend with family and or friends, of course practicing social distancing, washing their hands, etc, etc, etc...

Stay healthy!

Take care, Kat

Sent from my iPad



## Sebastian, Thejus CITZ:EX

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**From:** Conroy, Katrine MCF:EX  
**Sent:** April 29, 2020 2:15 PM  
**To:** Gotto, Sarah F MCF:EX; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX; Brown, Edena MCF:EX; Perry, Alisma SDPR:EX  
**Subject:** s.22

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Thanks, Kat

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