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From: [Meehan, Patrick MCF:EX](#)
To: [Chen, Katrina MCF:EX](#); [Hill, Amelia MCF:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Records for spaces
Date: June 30, 2021 3:05:47 PM
Attachments: [Childcare BC- Three Year Space Creation w Project Listing June 1 2021.xlsx](#)

It looks like the team went over and above in terms of what they put together.

The first two tabs are what you were asking for, and the remainder is extras that had already been made that they thought might be relevant to what you were looking for:

The attached has six tabs:

- A list of all funding recipients through the NS Fund and Rapid Renovation Fund
- A list of all funding recipients through the Start Up Grant program
- A summary table of the total number of all new child care spaces funded since 2018
- A three year summary of four key provincial space creation programs
- A three year summary of the NS Fund and Rapid Renovation Fund only
- A three year summary of the Start Up Grant program only

From: Meehan, Patrick MCF:EX
Sent: June 30, 2021 3:03 PM
To: Chen, Katrina MCF:EX <Katrina.Chen@gov.bc.ca>; Hill, Amelia MCF:EX <Amelia.Hill@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Records for spaces

Thanks for the reminder!

I do have the list, it came in late last week, I just haven't had a chance to check it over, I should be able to send it to you shortly!

From: Chen, Katrina MCF:EX <Katrina.Chen@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 30, 2021 3:02 PM
To: Meehan, Patrick MCF:EX <Patrick.Meehan@gov.bc.ca>; Hill, Amelia MCF:EX <Amelia.Hill@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Records for spaces

Hello Team,

Just want to follow up on this (bringing Mia in) - can we ask for this list? Thank you!

Katrina

From: Chen, Katrina MCF:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2021 10:49:17 AM
To: Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX; Meehan, Patrick MCF:EX
Subject: Records for spaces

Hello Sarena and Patrick,

Can you ask staff if they can provide me with a list of all the spaces funded since 2018?
Would be great if they are separated by type (eg: nonprofit / for profit / indigenous / public),
but don't worry if not.

Thank you,

Katrina

From: [Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX](#)
To: [Chen, Katrina MCF:EX](#)
Cc: [Hill, Amelia MCF:EX](#); [Gunn, Paula MCF:EX](#)
Subject: FW: BC 10aDay Roadmap Spring 2021
Date: April 1, 2021 9:05:24 AM
Attachments: [10aDay Roadmap Spring 2021 \(1\).pdf](#)

Hi Katrina,

Attached is the 10aDay Roadmap – it will go live today (not sure exactly what time).

We're setting up a meeting with you and the CCABC/ECEBC for the week of April 12th.

Sarena

From: Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX
To: Chen, Katrina MCF:EX
Cc: Hill, Amelia MCF:EX
Subject: FW: Budget 2021 Materials
Date: April 20, 2021 2:26:04 PM
Attachments: [2021FIN0023-000744.pdf](#)
[Budget 2021_Speech_SN_FNL.docx](#)
[Budget 2021_Strategic Plan_FNL.pdf](#)
[Tech PPT_Budget 2021_NO NOTES_FNL.pptx](#)
[Budget 2021_Budget & Fiscal Plan_FNL.pdf](#)
[Budget 2021_Highlights_FNL.pdf](#)
[Budget 2020_Key Message_FNL.docx](#)
[B2021_One-Page_Pandemic&Recovery Contingencies_FINAL.docx](#)
[B2021_One-Page_Site C_FINAL.docx](#)
[B2021_One-Page_Business Supports_FINAL.docx](#)
[B2021_One-Page_Childcare_FINAL.docx](#)
[B2021_One-Page_Economic Recovery&CapitalPlan_FINAL.docx](#)
[B2021_One-Page_Health_FINAL.docx](#)
[B2021_One-Page_Housing_FINAL.docx](#)
[B2021_One-Page_Mental Health_FINAL.docx](#)
[B2021_One-Page_Taxes_FINAL.docx](#)
[B2021_One-Page_Wildfires and Floods_FINAL.docx](#)
[B2021_One-Page_Supporting People_FINAL.docx](#)

In case you didn't get these directly. There is a backgrounder on child care.

From: Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX <Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 20, 2021 2:24 PM
To: Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX <Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca>; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX <Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca>; McKay, Ashley MCF:EX <Ashley.McKay@gov.bc.ca>; Hill, Amelia MCF:EX <Amelia.Hill@gov.bc.ca>; Stojkovic, Josipa MCF:EX <Josipa.Stojkovic@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Grewal, Preet GCPE:EX <Preet.Grewal@gov.bc.ca>; Larabee, Shawn G GCPE:EX <Shawn.G.Larabee@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Budget 2021 Materials

Please find the Budget 2021 comms materials attached for your information, or go online at <https://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/>

Enclosed you will find:

- Budget 2021 Highlights
- Budget 2021 Key Messages
- Budget news release plus nine backgrounders:
 - Fiscal Plan backgrounder
 - Health and Mental Health backgrounder
 - Supports for People backgrounder
 - Supports for Businesses backgrounder
 - Economic Recovery backgrounder
 - Reconciliation backgrounder
 - CleanBC backgrounder
 - Housing backgrounder
 - Child Care backgrounder
- Budget 2021 PPT deck

- Budget speech
- Strategic Plan
- Budget & Fiscal Plan
- One-Pagers (supplementary cheat-sheets as additional information for Budget items)

Ministry Service Plans will also be posted online this afternoon.

RE MEDIA REQUESTS: As a reminder, Minister Robinson and Premier Horgan are the spokespeople for Budget today and tomorrow. Please forward any media requests regarding

Kirsten

From: [Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX](#)
To: [Lindsay-Baugh, Anna EDUC:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Outgoing Letter MMD/MSKC/MJW
Date: May 31, 2021 4:36:52 PM
Attachments: [260235 MMD MSKC MJW outgoing letter.docx](#)
Importance: High

From: [Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX](#)
To: [Meehan, Patrick MCF:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Read out of TriCities Child Care Task Force Call with Minister of State Chen and MLAs Donnelly and Glumac
Date: June 9, 2021 9:45:23 AM
Attachments: [Read out for December 21 Chen Meeting.docx](#)
[TriCities Task Force On Child Care to Ministers of Education, Health and Child Care .pdf](#)

From: Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX
Sent: January 15, 2021 1:16 PM
To: Cain, Krista A MCF:EX <Krista.Cain@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Banh, Lindsay MCF:EX <Lindsay.Banh@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Read out of TriCities Child Care Task Force Call with Minister of State Chen and MLAs Donnelly and Glumac

Hi Krista,

I'm belatedly following up on some action items arising from the Minister's meeting with the Tri-cities task force on child care on Dec 21st.

I've attached the summary compiled by the task force and the specific items I noted down for follow up were:

1. They are looking for us to share more clearly what the timeline is for changes to licensing of school age child care on school grounds. It wasn't totally clear from the meeting briefing note what was internal information on the HLTH timeline and what we could share publicly so the Minister committed to following up. (see attached for the original letter from tri-cities task force about licensing).
2. Another action item that is mentioned in the attached summary is a request for a best practices guide for local school districts who are looking to have school age child care on their school grounds (both for running their own or partnering with a non-profit). I realise that this is a bigger ask but something that resonated with the Minister as being important as we try to encourage more SDs to take on school age child care.
3. FYI only - They request more information about the rapid renovation fund and I have sent that to them.

Let me know if you need any more information to follow up on these action items.

Thanks,
Sarena

From: Blatherwick, Jennifer <jblatherwick@sd43.bc.ca>
Sent: December 21, 2020 4:33 PM
To: Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX <Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca>; Banh, Lindsay MCF:EX <Lindsay.Banh@gov.bc.ca>; CC Minister MCF:EX <CC.Minister@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Read out of TriCities Child Care Task Force Call with Minister of State Chen and MLAs Donnelly and Glumac

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Good afternoon – thank you so much for meeting with us today, and helping overcome our initial technical difficulties. Please find attached a document of the read out from the call from this afternoon’s meeting.

Let me know if you have any corrections or additions – I am happy to update.

Happy Holidays and the best of the New Year!

Jennifer

From: [Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX](#)
To: [Meehan, Patrick MCF:EX](#)
Subject: Helpful docs
Date: May 11, 2021 11:10:42 AM
Attachments: [Minister of State for Child Care overviewDRAFTrev.Dec10.pptx](#)
[DMO-MO.pptx](#)
[CC MO - Division of Responsibilities.docx](#)
[Caucus Presentation March 2021.pptx](#)
[SN Template - MSKC.docx](#)

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Minister of State for Child Care

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To: [Chen, Katrina MCF:EX](#)
Cc: [Hall, Kevena MCF:EX](#); [Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX](#); [Grewal, Preet GCPE:EX](#); [Hill, Amelia MCF:EX](#); [Gunn, Paula MCF:EX](#); [Craig, Jason GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: CC in Federal Budget
Date: April 19, 2021 2:13:42 PM
Attachments: [budget-2021-en.pdf](#)

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Sent: April 19, 2021 1:13 PM
To: Chen, Katrina MCF:EX <Katrina.Chen@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: CC in Federal Budget

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Cc: Hill, Amelia MCF:EX; Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX; Grewal, Preet GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Child Care Pitches
Date: April 15, 2021 6:24:46 PM
Attachments: [2021_03_Pitch_CC_April regionals and milestone UPDATE.docx](#)
[2021_03_Pitch_CC_Rapid Renovation Fund Spaces.docx](#)
[CCRRF_Communities_06Apr21.docx](#)
[NSF_Communities_6Apr21.docx](#)

Hi folks,

I won't do a verbal pitch tomorrow as I already pitched these but I wanted to re-share our two spaces pitch docs as a gentle nudge that we'd love to get a confirmed date for these (direction so far has been that they will go after budget).

I'm also attaching updated regional breakdowns for each pitch, and a new suggestion we're looking for direction on about how to approach a province-wide NR for the spaces milestone.

1. Rapid Renovation Fund 500+ spaces Province-wide NR (plus one regional with Metis Nation)

- a. **timing:** ASAP post-budget – needs to go out before the regional New Spaces Fund NRs as we are including these RRF spaces in our total count.
- b. **what:** We're suggesting a province-wide NR (plus one regional NR in Victoria with Metis Nation at their request, it would go out on the same day as the province-wide). We'll work with caucus for them to pitch the province-wide NR in their own communities rather than an individual NR in each region that got spaces.

2. 14 Regional New Spaces Fund NRs for 4,000+ spaces and 1 Wrap up Milestone Province-wide NR

- a. **timing:** ASAP post budget and after the Rapid Renovation Fund NR
- b. **what:** 14 regional NRs (staggered over a few days at the discretion of editors) and 1 wrap up NR
- c. **Looking for direction:** If there is interest in a province-wide NR about the new nearly 26,000 milestone (will already have been included in the budget), we are proposing we do this after the regional NRs and that as a new angle it could include talking about the fact that 11,000 of the previously funded spaces will be opening within the coming year. However, it will be too soon to provide details of when the next round of New Spaces funding will be opening and what the criteria to apply will be.

I hope this is clear but feel free to call if there are any questions!

Sarena

From: Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX
Sent: March 26, 2021 11:42 AM
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<Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca>; Grewal, Preet GCPE:EX <Preet.Grewal@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Child Care Pitches

Hi folks,

Please see attached for two child care pitches:

3. **Rapid Renovation Fund 500+ spaces NR** (could be ready for week of April 12th or ASAP post-budget). We're suggesting a province-wide NR as it's fewer spaces than we usually do for regional releases however are open to a regional release approach if that is preferred.
4. **Regional NRs for 2,000+ spaces across BC** (ASAP post budget)

The program team are still pulling together the successful applicants but I'll send a regional breakdown as soon as I can – I should have the Rapid Reno Fund by EOD today.

thanks,
Sarena

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From: [Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX](#)
To: [Renault, Shannon MCF:EX](#)
Cc: [Hall, Kevena MCF:EX](#)
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Provider Newsletter_Vol15_23April21_DRAFT mk
Date: April 23, 2021 2:19:22 PM
Attachments: [COVID-19 Provider Newsletter_Vol15_23April21_DRAFT mkvST.docx](#)

Thanks Shannon – I added specific reference that in regards to the federal and provincial budgets that timing of programs/more details about programs will be coming in the future, luckily it didn't mess up the formatting.

The vaccination rollout language is pretty high level and I thought it might acknowledge that some CC workers have gotten vaccines in hot spots (to explain why some folks have gotten it and not others), but I understand that we are constrained in what we can say/get through approvals in a timely way so if it's a hurdle to add best to get it out today.

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Sent: April 23, 2021 2:03 PM
To: Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX <Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Hall, Kevena MCF:EX <Kevena.Hall@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: COVID-19 Provider Newsletter_Vol15_23April21_DRAFT mk

Newsletter for your review.

Shannon Renault

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Child Care Division
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From: [Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX](#)
To: [Hall, Kevena MCF:EX](#)
Subject: RE: HSG 2021 summary document FINAL for review (002)
Date: May 31, 2021 3:03:44 PM
Attachments: [HSG 2021 summary document FINAL for review \(002\).docx](#)

2 Qs in the attached

From: Hall, Kevena MCF:EX <Kevena.Hall@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 31, 2021 10:36 AM
To: Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX <Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: HSG 2021 summary document FINAL for review (002)

Seeking your guidance on the attached.

From: [Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX](#)
To: [Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX](#)
Cc: [Hill, Amelia MCF:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Stakeholder meetings re: CC Budget
Date: April 30, 2021 11:10:59 AM
Attachments: [QA Budget 2021 Childcare BC 20Apr21 FNL.docx](#)

Thanks Cherie – they are budget related so let's have the attached Budget KM/QA doc.

We may have additional comms materials about our move to EDUC by the time the meetings happen so please double check with me the day before as I may have more to add.

thanks,
sarena

From: Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX <Cherie.Wilson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 30, 2021 10:53 AM
To: Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX <Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Hill, Amelia MCF:EX <Amelia.Hill@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Stakeholder meetings re: CC Budget

Hello!

I have been able to set up all three stakeholder meetings for the next 2 weeks.

- BCACDI with Jason Gordon May 6th, 9:00am-9:30am
- Aboriginal Head Start with Joan Gignac May 7th, 1:00pm-1:30pm
- ECEBC/CCCA with Emily and Sharon May 14th, 11:00am – 11:30am

I have requested staff for both BCACDI and Aboriginal Head Start.

I'm not sure if you had Materials in mind for these meets?

Sincerely,

Cherie Wilson | Sr. Administrative Assistant to
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Cc: [Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX](#); [Hill, Amelia MCF:EX](#); [Gunn, Paula MCF:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Updated Milestone NR for MSKC quote approval please
Date: May 31, 2021 5:17:08 PM
Attachments: [NR Child care milestone release 31May21vMO.docx](#)

Hey team, as discussed here's the update NR.

Patrick please make a clean copy of this and send to MSKC for approval, hopefully she can do it in the next 45 minutes!

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From: Grewal, Preet GCPE:EX <Preet.Grewal@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 31, 2021 2:16 PM
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Subject: Updated Milestone NR for MSKC quote approval please

Hi Patrick,

Attached please find the updated milestone news release for Minister Chen's quote approval please. I've pasted the quote below for your convenience:

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Also there's a couple of things we wanted to mention in case you were wondering why we made these changes:

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Please let us know if you have any feedback when you can.

Thanks,
Preet

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Grateful to be living, learning and working on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen peoples.

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To: [Craig, Jason GCPE:EX](#); [Hill, Amelia MCF:EX](#); [Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX](#); [Grewal, Preet GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Vancouver Sun Online: Child care big focus of latest BC budget
Date: April 20, 2021 3:45:27 PM

Yes it's helpful – two errors but unless we see them starting to be circulated as widespread not sure it's worth following up with the reporter.

From: Craig, Jason GCPE:EX <Jason.Craig@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 20, 2021 3:33 PM
To: Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX <Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca>; Hill, Amelia MCF:EX <Amelia.Hill@gov.bc.ca>; Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX <Kirsten.Lauvaas@gov.bc.ca>; Grewal, Preet GCPE:EX <Preet.Grewal@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Vancouver Sun Online: Child care big focus of latest BC budget

Pretty straight write through.

From: tno@gov.bc.ca <tno@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 20, 2021 3:22 PM
Subject: Vancouver Sun Online: Child care big focus of latest BC budget

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TREASURY BOARD STAFF BRIEFING NOTE

CLIFF NO:

TBS TRACKING NO.: B2021-CFD-02

TREASURY BOARD MEETING DATE: MARCH 3, 2021

TITLE: *BUDGET 2021* CFD AND EDUC CHILDCARE PROGRAMS

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
MEETING NOTE

CLIFF: 245332
PREPARED FOR: Honourable Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education
Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Finance
Honourable Katrina Chen, Minister of State for Child Care

MEETING DATE: April 1, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

MEETING WITH: CUPE-BC

ATTENDEES: Keith Godin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Education
Angie Calleberg, Director, Education
Paul Faoro, President, CUPE BC
Sheryl Burns, General Vice President, CUPE BC
David Fleming, Childcare Coordinator, CUPE
Justin Schmid, Legislative Coordinator, CUPE

MEETING PURPOSE: Review CUPE BC's proposal for creating 10,000 new universal public child care spaces using school-based delivery.

BACKGROUND:

- In early 2018, government released its aspirational 10-year Childcare BC Plan (2018 – 2028) to create a universal child care system in BC. Child care is a key government priority, as evidenced in multiple Ministers' 2020 Mandate Letters.
- As part of the first three years of Childcare BC funding, the Ministry of Education (EDUC) sought to identify up to 8 locations where school spaces existed, or where StrongStart BC was under-utilized, and convert those spaces into child care. To date, EDUC has provided start-up grants to 7 school districts (representing 8 locations) for innovative child care projects. Districts could apply to the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) for new spaces funding and for operating grants.
- These innovative projects included piloting various models of child care that were either offered directly by the school board or in partnership with a third-party licensee offering child care on school grounds.
- One of the pilots is referred to as the "Seamless Day." Modeled after Ontario's seamless day for 4- and 5-year-olds, the program is designed to create additional before- and after-school care using existing classroom space. Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) provide the care before- and after-school and support in-class instruction alongside the K/Gr 1 teacher.
 - In 2019/20, EDUC provided seed funding to pilot the seamless day in School District No. 53 (Okanagan-Similkameen) at Oliver Elementary (12 spaces).
 - In 2020/21, EDUC provided seed funding to pilot the seamless day in three more districts including SD 45 (West Vancouver) at Hollyburn Elementary (20 spaces), SD 46 (Sunshine Coast) at West Sechelt Elementary (24 spaces) and in SD 69 (Qualicum) at Errington Elementary (approx. 12 spaces).

- This seamless day pilot project is expected to provide government with valuable information to evaluate the model and to consider opportunities for scaling it provincially.
- The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) is campaigning for the integration of before- and after-school care into the school system using the seamless day model. See Attachment 1 for CUPE's Child Care Brief.

DISCUSSION:

- In August 2020, CUPE launched a public campaign promoting the seamless day in schools. It promotes direct grassroots engagement with school boards. For example, CUPE sent letters to school board trustees seeking their support. CUPE's campaign has started in advance of government's broader engagement with the sector. See Attachment 2.
- In February 2021, the BC Public School Employer's Association (BCPSEA) reached out to EDUC staff to discuss several questions that they had been fielding via CUPE related to child care on school grounds. A number of those questions centered on February 26, 2020 amendments to sections 85.1 – 85.4 of the *School Act* and subsequent Child Care Ministerial Order. Other questions pertained to the future state for child care in terms of the shared Ministers' mandate letters.

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KEY MESSAGES:

- Over the coming year, I will be working with my colleagues to develop the transition strategy of integrating child care into the Ministry of Education in a thoughtful and effective way.
- To prepare for the move to the Education by 2023, we are ensuring school districts have the supports they need to increase capacity and play a stronger role in providing early care and learning services, including partnering with child care providers.
- We are committed to engaging with CUPE along with key stakeholders, rightsholders and partner groups, however, given the early days of this project and the need for further clarity on government's decisions and direction, it may be several months before an engagement strategy will be finalized.
- Consultation with district leadership and unions will be a priority to ensure we achieve this vision in the most seamless way possible, and we look forward to working with you in the months ahead.

• ¹ Article 11 of the Support Staff Provincial Framework Agreement (PFA) states: "In support of the Province's Early Care and Learning (ECL) Plan, the parties will pursue collaborative opportunities for the K-12 sector to support effective transitions for care and learning from the early years to kindergarten e.g. before and after school care."

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INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE**

Attachment(s)

1. CUPE Child Care Brief, May 2020



CUPE Child Care Brief
May 2020.pdf

2. Minister Bullets for CUPE BC Expanding Childcare in Schools – Update Aug 17, 2020



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CUPEBC re Expanding

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Preamble:

The Ministry of Education has worked in partnership with the Ministry of Children and Family Development over the last three years to deliver the Childcare BC plan and lay the foundation to support the transfer of childcare to the Ministry of Education. Specifically, the Ministry of Education has been focused on the quality pillar of the Childcare BC plan by improving early learning experiences for children and families while integrating childcare opportunities into school districts through before and after school care expansion and seamless day childcare. The specific early learning initiatives contribute to BC's economy by creating peace of mind for parents--they know when they drop off their child at the school they will be cared for a full day while the parents are at work.

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Teleconference with Prototype Sites May 11th, 2021

We will begin now please note we will begin recording now so just want to advise all participants that the call is being recorded so should you wish to submit questions non-verbally feel free to type in the chat or email.

Agenda

- Welcome
- Budget 2021
- Potential Expansion 2021
- COVID-19
- Questions – Extra time allotted

Welcome everyone and thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to join us today. The Team and I are happy to have this opportunity to connect with you, share some updates and hear from you.

Budget 2021

The pandemic has shone a light on the fact that access to affordable, quality and inclusive child care is not simply good social policy, it's vital to B.C.'s economy. Through Budget 2021, more families will have access to affordable, quality, and inclusive child care. There were already scheduled increases for 2021/22 and 2022/23 for child care, and Budget 2021 is adding an additional \$233 million in base funding over three years. The base budget for child care in 2021/22 is now \$732 million; this includes \$54 million in new funding.

I would like to review a few of the highlights with you and give you an opportunity to share any questions you may have.

Health and Safety Grant

- Throughout the pandemic, child care providers have worked tirelessly to keep children, families, and staff safe.
- In December 2020, Health and Safety Grants were provided to nearly 4,500 child care providers including Prototype Sites.
- To support your continued important work, there will be an additional \$20 million under Budget 2021 in Health and Safety Grants to help ensure centres remain safe throughout the pandemic.
- These grants will help you cover the costs of additional health and safety equipment, enhanced cleaning procedures, or hiring additional staff to cover for staff who require temporary sick leave.
- The first Health and Safety Grants back in December 2020, were to help you with the initial costs you were facing due to the pandemic.

- Since that time, your enrolments have been steadily increasing as more families choose to re-enroll their children in child care since the onset of the pandemic.
- However, we know that some providers continue to struggle with increased costs due to the additional precautions required to operate safely in the pandemic.
- For that reason, there is additional funding under Budget 2021 to support those of you that may still need some support as you recover.
- We anticipate receiving more information on the HSG in the coming weeks and will share details with you as soon they become available.

Supported Child Development

- The Childcare BC 10-year plan for a universal and inclusive child care system ensures that system is welcoming to **all** children, including those with support needs.
- As you know Supported Child Development and Aboriginal Supported Child Development programs offer a range of consulting and support services to children, families, and child care centres, enabling children with support needs to participate in fully inclusive child care settings.
- Budget 2021 includes investments to help up to 2,000 more families access SCD and ASCD programs and increase the hours of support for children already enrolled to help ensure children with support needs can fully access, participate in and benefit from programming.
- There is still a long way to go to provide the inclusive child care families need– but progress is being made.

Aboriginal Head Start

- As you know, Aboriginal Head Start provides Indigenous-led, no-cost, culturally relevant, wrap-around early care and learning programs for Indigenous families.
- Like the Prototype Sites, Aboriginal Head Start also receives funding through ELCC Agreement, which created almost 650 Indigenous-led, no-cost child care spaces.
- Under Budget 2021, the Province is investing in ongoing funding to support an additional 400 Aboriginal Head Start child care spaces across the province.
- By increasing supports for Aboriginal Head Start programming, more Indigenous families will be able to access culturally relevant early learning and child care experiences.
- We are continuing to work with the federal government to continue to expand access to culturally responsive child care for Indigenous families.

Seamless Day Pilot – Ministry of Education

- The Seamless Day pilot program integrates before- and after-school care into the classroom, giving students a single location of care throughout the day.
- The initial Seamless Day pilot began in the Okanagan-Similkameen School District in 2018 and has since expanded to include four additional pilots in other school districts.
- Budget 2021 will expand the pilot program to an additional 20 schools across B.C.
- Through the pilot, children are supported throughout the day by an ECE, as well as by their teacher during regular classroom hours.

ECE Wage Enhancement

- To help child care providers pay their early childhood educators more – without increasing parent fees the ECE wage enhancement will be doubled from the current \$2 an hour – bringing the total to \$4 an hour. Currently, we do not have details on the timelines.
- We know this program is of particular interest to you and your staff, so we commit to sharing the details of this initiative as soon as they become available

\$10aDay/Prototype Sites

- The item in the Budget that was most exciting for us to hear was the expanding of access to \$10-a-day child care. Budget 2021 increases the number of Universal Child Care Prototype Site spaces from about 2,500 to approximately 6,460.
- In the coming weeks we will be sharing further information regarding how the new \$10-a-day sites will be selected.
- We expect to announce the new locations for \$10-a-day child care this fall.
- If you saw the Federal Budget on April 19th, there was a substantial commitment to child care, so we are looking forward to working with our federal counterparts to further expand access to \$10-a-day child care.
- We are continuing to work closely with the Government of Canada to negotiate a new ELCC Agreement, which will help ensure the sustainability of these sites and we are also looking forward to more details about plans for a national child care strategy and how that can support our continued commitment to building a universal child care system here in B.C.

Prototype Same Site Space Inclusion

- The increase in spaces for \$10aDay child care in the Budget has also given an opportunity to allow for a limited number of spaces at current sites to be included in the program

- We are aware that during the life of the program some of your facilities have had some natural growth
 - A Request for Information has gone out to Sites that identified on their renewal application that they had same site non-PT spaces so we can gather information on spaces that may be able to be added
 - There are a limited number of spaces available for this phase and the spaces must be natural growth at the exact same location as your current PT spaces
 - For those that received the Request for Information please complete the form and return before May 14th so the Team can begin to compile the information
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Acknowledgment of COVID-19 Impacts

We also want to take a moment to acknowledge the continuing impacts of COVID-19 on your facilities, staff, and families

- Prototype Sites and their employees have been continuing to provide service in varying forms and methods during these challenging times to accommodate parents and children within the new health requirements
- Your sites were asked last summer to provide support for essential working parents requiring childcare during the pandemic, and then may have also been struggling to fill spaces due to changing work patterns in BC during COVID-19 which we know can be challenging and you are continuing to find ways to do this safely but we know exposures are still occurring
- This is of course, in addition to all the ways that COVID-19 has affected staff outside of work, in their personal lives, with parents, children and loved ones.
- We are very grateful for the services to the child care sector you continue to provide during these difficult and stressful times
- We would also like to ask that sites stay closely connected with their local Health Authorities in order to have support and Health Authority guidance as needed

Questions?

We know you likely have a lot of questions, so we have allotted extra time.

Child Care Spaces on School Grounds

EDUC conducted a survey in May 2021 of school districts to gather child care on school grounds data. 56 of 60¹ school districts provided updated information related to number of spaces, licensing categories, and Board-held licenses.

10 Boards hold licenses for child care:

#	School District	Licensing category	Notes
45	West Vancouver	School Age	New Seamless Day
46	Sunshine Coast	School Age	New Seamless Day
47	Powell River	Occasional	Gradual Entry into Kindergarten (summer)
49	Central Coast	Infant/Toddler and Group 30 mos to School Age	Children of district staff are prioritized for spaces
53	Okanagan Similkameen	Preschool and School Age	New Young Explorers and Seamless Day
60	Peace River North	Preschool and School Age	Operates 6 programs (2 Preschool and 4 School Age)
62	Sooke	School Age	One program
67	Okanagan Skaha	Preschool	New JustB4
69	Qualicum	School Age	New Seamless Day (<i>in process</i>)
70	Pacific Rim	Preschool	One program
92	Nisga'a	Infant/Toddler	Space is licensed, hiring staff

6 Boards have no child care on school property:

50	Haida Gwaii
54	Bulkley Valley
58	Nicola Similkameen
81	Fort Nelson
84	Vancouver Island West
87	Stikine

Number of Child Care Spaces on School Grounds by Licensing Category:

Infant/Toddler	Group 3-5	Preschool	School Age	Group Multi-Age	Total
1271	3944	4709	17332	426	27669

The 10 largest school districts (based on student population) also have the largest total numbers of child care spaces on school grounds. Between 2% (Surrey) and 11% (Vancouver) of students age 5-12 in these largest districts have a child care space.

¹ The last 4 districts show data from MCFD's Provider Profile

10 Largest School Districts by Student Population

#	School District	Student Population (Age 5-12)	Total Child Care Spaces	Total School-Age Care Spaces	% of Student Population (age 5-12) with co-located child care
036	Surrey	48,806	1,552	942	2%
039	Vancouver	32,109	4,374	3,585	11%
043	Coquitlam	20,255	2,239	1,062	5%
041	Burnaby	16,026	1,404	963	6%
023	Central Okanagan	15,587	1,001	659	4%
035	Langley	14,303	1,334	660	5%
061	Greater Victoria	13,114	1,712	1,350	10%
034	Abbotsford	13,068	963	597	5%
038	Richmond	13,023	1,142	795	6%

Data Challenges:

- EDUC has not yet received confirmation on spaces from 4 school districts and used MCFD Provider Profile data in these cases
 - SD35 Langley
 - SD68 Nanaimo-Ladysmith
 - 072 Campbell River
 - 078 Fraser Cascade
- District staff provided information with varying levels of accuracy and confidence
 - Spaces varied dramatically from MCFD Provider Profile Survey
 - Some districts had difficulty understanding the licensing categories (reporting 0 spaces for whole categories of care despite MCFD's data indicating significantly more)
- District staff provided information in varying timeframes
 - Immediately: staff had previously completed a district report on the topic, completed an annual review, or had no child care to report
 - Quickly: staff called the few providers in the area and reported back
 - With support: staff were unsure who held the information, how to gather the information, and how to interpret the request

Opportunities:

- District staff expressed enthusiasm at the integration of child care into the broader learning environment and willingness to open child care with additional resources
- Boards who hold licenses for school age care were particularly challenged by the length, complexity, and redundancy of the licensing process

Number of spaces in each licensing category by School District:

School District	Infant/ Toddler	Group 3-5	Preschool	School Age	Group Multi-Age	Total Spaces
5 - Southeast Kootenay	0	0	0	20	0	20
6 - Rocky Mountain	36	82	40	65	0	223
8 - Kootenay Lake	52	133	20	84	24	313
10 - Arrow Lakes	0	0	14	0	0	14
19 - Revelstoke	28	41	20	44	0	133
20 - Kootenay-Columbia	0	0	20	79	0	99
22 - Vernon	0	0	15	15	0	30
23 - Central Okanagan	36	72	234	659	0	1001
27 - Cariboo-Chilcotin	33	41	12	156	32	277
28 - Quesnel	0	20	0	0	78	98
33 - Chilliwack	33	118	135	352	0	638
34 - Abbotsford	32	64	262	597	8	963
35 - Langley	36	310	328	660	0	1334
36 - Surrey	0	19	591	942	0	1552
37 - Delta	36	221	303	329	0	889
38 - Richmond	0	272	75	795	0	1142
39 - Vancouver	76	225	488	3,585	0	4,374
40 - New Westminster	32	40	0	343	0	415
41 - Burnaby	60	125	256	963	0	1404
42 - Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows	24	19	160	339	0	542
43 - Coquitlam	119	437	527	1062	94	2,239
44 - North Vancouver	52	157	60	423	0	692
45 - West Vancouver	0	85	92	383	16	576
46 - Sunshine Coast	20	68	20	112	0	220
47 - Powell River	12	16				28
48 - Sea to Sky	0	0	36	186	0	222
49 - Central Coast	8	24	0	0	0	32
50- Haida Gwaii						

51 - Boundary	0	0	8			8
52 - Prince Rupert	0	16	20	67	0	103
53 - Okanagan Similkameen	24	40	55	107	16	242
54 - Bulkley Valley						
57 - Prince George	12	78	60	268	8	426
58 - Nicola Similkameen	0					
59 - Peace River South	12	0	0	24	0	24
60 - Peace River North	36	66	20	48	8	178
61 - Greater Victoria	8	210	144	1350	0	1712
62 - Sooke	18	11	20	215	0	264
63 - Saanich	12	18	18	524	8	580
64 - Gulf Islands	4	16	0	0	18	38
67 - Okanagan Skaha	12	36	16	312	8	384
68 - Nanaimo-Ladysmith	23	111	60	728	32	954
69 - Qualicum	12	100	119	51	0	282
70 - Pacific Rim	24	32	40	44	16	156
71 - Comox Valley	47	58	0	272	0	377
72 - Campbell River	24	18	0	91	8	141
73 - Kamloops/Thompson	46	151	100	287	8	592
74 - Gold Trail	0	25	20	20	0	65
75 - Mission	48	60	65	271	0	444
78 - Fraser-Cascade	24	20	20	63	0	127
79 - Cowichan Valley	36	79	20	142	0	277
81 - Fort Nelson						
82 - Coast Mountains	72	158	120	104	20	474
83 - North Okanagan-Shuswap	8	16	36	39	8	107
84 - Vancouver Island West						
85 - Vancouver Island North	36	36	40	90	16	222
87 - Stikine						
91 - Nechako Lakes	0	0	0	22	0	22
92 - Nisga'a	8					

93 – CSF*						
Total	1271	3944	4709	17332	426	27669

*The CSF has classroom spaces across the province, housed in other district's facilities. The CSF partners with third-party child care providers, which are listed within the other school district facilities in this table. The CSF does not hold any child care licenses.

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