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Ministry of Education and Child Care (ECC)
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\$10 a Day ChildCareBC Expansion	Starting July 4, the ministry, with support from the Government of Canada, initiated an expansion to the \$10 a Day program by adding ~2,960 new spaces to the existing 13,000. This expansion is being implemented through a targeted expression of interest that prioritized geographic regions that do not currently have a \$10 a Day Centre (or have a low number of spaces compared to population density) as well as existing \$10 a Day Centres that operate “sibling” facilities that are not yet participants in the program. New \$10 a Day Centres will begin entering the program in phases starting December 1, 2023, with all ~2,960 spaces implemented in Winter 2023/24.
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Feeding Futures School Food Programs Funding for Independent Schools	The Ministry is working with the Federation of Independent School Associations BC to implement cabinet direction to allocate \$4.5M to independent schools in 2023/24 school year. Application packages, including notional allocations, spending criteria and a school foods survey was communicated to eligible schools in late August. Funding will be allocated to independent schools in November 2023.
Capital Day for Budget 2024	Capital Day for Budget 2024 is scheduled for December 12 th . The Ministry will present its capital request to Treasury Board for Budget 2024 s. 12, s. 17 s. 12, s. 17
K-12 Recruitment & Retention Announcement	The Ministry will be announcing a series of initiatives – including some funded under the StrongerBC Future Ready Action Plan – to support the training, recruitment, and retention of a qualified workforce for the K-12 education sector.
Indigenous Engagement 2023/24	Under the CW-ELCC Agreement, the Province has committed to engaging with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples regarding federal funding. The Ministry is working with the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society to co-develop an engagement plan for First Nations and is also proceeding with engagement with Métis Nation BC and urban Indigenous partners to implement engagements in Winter 2024. The draft plan will include Ministry hosting two-day, in-person sessions in multiple regions across the province, starting in January 2024 and into FY 24/25, to seek input and build relationships to support the realization of Action 4.19 under the Declaration Act Action Plan. BCACCS will bring the engagement plan to FNLC by November 30, 2023, for endorsement.
Operating Funding Model (OFM) Test Implementation	<p>The OFM is intended to amalgamate existing funding programs into a coordinated, stable funding system and establish the province as the primary source of participating facilities' operating funding. In doing so, the OFM provides the province with a mechanism to ensure stability of funding for providers; create levers for inclusion and quality; ensure adequate compensation for child care professionals; increase oversight over the sector; and set consistent standards for affordability. Through the OFM test, the Ministry will also test the first iteration of a wage grid and compensation model for child care professionals. In June of 2023, Treasury Board directed the Ministry to proceed with a small-scale test of the OFM s. 12</p> <p>The test phase will enable refinement of the model based on real-world experience and provide an opportunity for further consultation with the child care sector prior to broader implementation.</p> <p>The goal of the initial test phase is to convert 53 \$10aDay sites to OFM test sites by the end of fiscal 2023/24, where the new funding model will be prototyped and refined in an iterative manner. As of</p>

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		November 22, 2023, a total of 21 sites have signed on to the OFM test and will begin receiving Ministry funding as of December 1 st , 2023.
TB Submission Budget 2024	s. 12, s. 17 for	s. 12, s. 17 s. 12, s. 17
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Child Care Resource and Referral Solicitation		A competitive solicitation for the delivery of CCRR services is set to close on December 21 st , 2023. This is the first time since 1971 that these services have gone to a competitive process. The solicitation should result in 38 service providers delivering services across the province, and an additional service provider delivering services to the Francophone community. This solicitation will happen a few months following the primary solicitation. Contracts will have a three-year term with two one-year renewal options, with an annual budget of \$23.2M and be in place for fiscal 2024/25.
24/25 Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative Funding Guidelines Release		In an effort to streamline CCOF/CCFRI renewal processes, the 24/25 Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative Funding Guidelines (FGs) will be publicly released the week of December 4-8, 2023. This early release is intended to give child care providers time to become familiar with the policy changes that will be introduced April 1, 2024, and to plan accordingly.
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