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It is my pleasure to share with Ontarians the report on the review of the Early Childhood Educators Act, 2007.

In 2007, the Ontario government established the College of Early Childhood Educators (the “College”) through the Early Childhood Educators Act, 2007. The College is the first self-regulatory body in Canada overseeing a professional membership of early childhood educators. The primary responsibility of the College is to serve and protect the public interest by regulating the profession of early childhood education.

I commend the College for successfully reaching its five year milestone and championing the work of early childhood educators (ECEs) in the province. I recognize that ECEs bring a tremendous amount of knowledge about early childhood development and play-based learning that results in quality interactions, experiences and environments in which children can thrive.

Under the Early Childhood Educators Act, 2007, the Minister of Education is required to conduct a review of the Act by February 14, 2014, prepare a written report on the review, and make it available to the public.

On June 26, 2013, the Ministry of Education launched the review of the Act and posted a notice along with a discussion paper for consideration on the Ontario Regulatory Registry for a 60 day period. The purpose of the five-year review is to determine if the Act is adequate to achieve its objectives and identify any legislative barriers to effective implementation of the College of Early Childhood Educators’ responsibilities.

The consultation process garnered 29 submissions from a range of stakeholders, and the enclosed report is based on the feedback received.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who participated in the review. The numerous submissions received reflect your dedication to your profession and your commitment to children in Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Sandals".

Liz Sandals
Minister