MEMORANDUM TO: Child Care and Early Years Sector Partners

FROM: Indira Naidoo-Harris
Associate Minister of Education, Early Years and Child Care

DATE: October 28, 2016

SUBJECT: Moosonee Regional Session on Renewed Early Years and Child Care Policy Framework and Expansion Strategy

The Ministry of Education is developing a Renewed Early Years and Child Care Policy Framework and Expansion Strategy to support an integrated system of child care and early years programs focused on quality, affordability, access, parent choice, and flexibility.

The Framework builds on important achievements to date and will include an expansion strategy to deliver on our government’s recently announced commitment to create 100,000 new child care spaces for infants, toddlers and preschoolers over the next five years.

The ministry will be hosting a series of regional sessions across the province to engage child care and early years sector partners, community organizations, and families. Advice received from these sessions will be critical to inform the development of the renewed framework and expansion strategy.

As an important ministry partner, your organization is invited to identify representatives to attend the session in Moosonee:

Location: Northern College
East, 4715 ON-101

Date: November 8, 2016

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (lunch will be provided)

Please register online by November 4, 2016.
Participation in the regional sessions are voluntary and the government will reimburse attendees for travel, accommodation, and replacement supply staff for attending this event, in accordance with Government of Ontario policies and directives.

We are also extending this invite to parents to provide them with the opportunity to share their experiences. I encourage you to reach out to parents in your community and share the attached poster, which contains important details for parents regarding the session.

If you require any additional information please contact Amika Balram at Amika.Balram@ontario.ca.

This is an exciting time for child care and the early years sector, and I look forward to having these discussions with you as we move forward on developing the Renewed Early Years Policy Framework and Child Care Expansion Strategy so that Ontario children and families continue to have access to quality, affordable care. Together, we are helping Ontario’s children get the best possible start in life.

Sincerely,

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CC: Shannon Fuller, Assistant Deputy Minister
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