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Dear Members of the Early Years Advisory Committee,

As you know, the modernization of our child care and early years system is one of our top priorities. Together, we are working hard to build a system that is high-quality, seamless, and more accessible for Ontario’s children and families.

Therefore, I am pleased to announce we have reached another important milestone with respect to our transformative work. After a considerable consultation period, where we received valuable feedback from stakeholders and the public, our government has filed new regulations that will support the Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014, (CCEYA) when it takes effect.

The act will be proclaimed on August 31, 2015, and the legislation and its related regulations will then be in force. The CCEYA will replace the Day Nurseries Act as the legislative and regulatory framework governing child care in Ontario. You will receive more detailed information in a memorandum from Jim Grieve, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Early Years Division.

In the meantime, I would like to thank you, sincerely, for the important role you played in shaping the new regulations. The engagement, feedback, and advice you have provided through the Early Years Advisory Committee has been invaluable. You have informed our approach and I hope you see that reflected in the new regulations.

As you know, these regulations are the beginning of a staged, multi-tiered approach to establishing a new regulatory framework to support the Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014. In light of this phased approach, we will continue our valuable work as a group later this year. This collaboration is very important to me, and I look forward to working with you to develop the next tier of regulations to support the CCEYA.

Thank you again for your continued commitment to Ontario’s children and families. Your hard work is helping transform our child care and early years system into the very best in the world. And I am confident that our strong partnership is helping children across Ontario get the best possible start in life.

Sincerely,

Liz Sandals
Minister