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Cc: Premier Christy Clark
Subject: Letter from the Honourable Mary McNeil

VIA E-MAIL

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Dear (name of parent withheld):

Thank you for your e-mail, addressed to the Honourable Christy Clark, Premier, regarding your concerns about an increase in your child care fees. As the Minister of Children and Family Development, I am pleased to respond on her behalf.

Government recognizes that access to quality, accessible child care supports parents' ability to contribute to their families and to the economy as a whole. I also understand that securing quality child care can pose some challenges and that high child care fees may create a financial burden for many families. We are interested in working with communities to develop strategies to address families' child care needs and we support innovative solutions to facilitate parents' access to quality child care.

The Province provides funding to assist child care providers with their operating costs, through the Child Care Operating Funding program. However, child care providers operate independently, which means they are responsible for setting the fees parents are charged. To assist low- and moderate-income families in accessing child care services, the Ministry of Children and Family Development provides support through the Child Care Subsidy program.

With regard to the challenges you are facing in securing licensed child care in your community, you may wish to contact the Vancouver Child Care Resource and Referral (CCRR) office at: 604 709-5661. CCRR programs are contracted by the Province to provide support, resources and referral services for child care providers and parents, including referrals to local child care providers. You may also be interested in reviewing our on-line Child Care Search Tool, which provides a comprehensive list of licensed child care centres across the province. The Child Care Search Tool is available at: <http://childcareinfo.gov.bc.ca/childcaresearch/search.aspx>.

This ministry continues to look for new ways to meet the unique child care needs of families, and to offer choices in the way that services are delivered. Thank you again for taking the time to write and for sharing your concerns.

Sincerely,
ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
Mary McNeil, Minister

Sent of behalf of the Minister by:
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Ministry of Children and Family Development
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