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Dear Discovery Early Learning & Care families;

Canada Wide Early Learning & Child Care Agreement Update

I want to thank you for your patience as we continue to navigate our way through the possibility of opting in to the Canada Wide Early Learning & Child Care program (CWELCC). You might remember that it has been referred to as the \$10/Day Child Care Program. Over the next four years, the Ministry of Education hopes to review funding, quality, inclusion and the work force in a phased in approach. Starting April 1, 2022, there will be 25% rebate to eligible children's child care rates with an additional \$25% rebate at the end of this year for programs that opt in.

As previously mentioned, there are many steps to complete in the process to move forward. We have until September 1, 2022 to opt in to the new CWELCC program and sign a new agreement with our funding partners.

To date, there are a few child care programs in our city that have already completed this process with the City of Greater Sudbury, Children Services Division. Those full fee families have just received their credits/rebates retro to April 1, 2022. We hope to move in this similar direction as quickly as possible and in following the eligibility guidance from the Ministry of Education. For families who receive additional supports through the Children Services subsidy system, the City will determine your credit/rebate as eligible for your family.

Thank you once again and we hope to be sharing good news with you as soon as possible. We will also continue to advocate on your behalf for "all" child care rates to be lowered alongside the "eligible" rebates for specific aged children. Affordability for all our families continues to be a priority.

Kind regards,

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