

TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA:

The background to this petition is as follows:

1. Early Learning and Child Care programs in Manitoba require increased funding to stabilize and support a system that is in jeopardy.
2. Licensed not for profit Early Learning and Child Care programs have received no new operating funding in over three years, while the cost of living has continued to increase annually.
3. High quality licensed child care has a lasting positive impact on children's development, is a fundamental need for Manitoba families and contributes to a strong economy.
4. The financial viability of these programs is in jeopardy if they cannot meet the fiscal responsibility of achieving a balanced budget as all operating expenses continue to increase.
5. The workforce shortage of trained Early Childhood Educators has continued to increase. Quality child care is dependent on a workforce that is skilled and adequately remunerated.
6. Accessible, affordable and quality Early Learning and Child Care programs must be available to all children and families in Manitoba.

We petition the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba as follows:

To urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce.

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