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Ms. Bonnie Walraven  
President  
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Dear Bonnie:

This fall, Premier McGuinty announced that Ontario will begin to phase in full-day early learning for four- and five-year-olds beginning in September 2010. While full-day early learning will better prepare our youngest students for future success, I am aware that these changes will affect how child care programs are delivered and that these impacts will vary across Ontario's communities.

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the province's commitment to stabilizing and enhancing licensed child care services for children from birth to age four. Licensed child care will also continue to be necessary for some children of all ages.

As you know, the Early Learning Program will be phased in gradually, which will allow local governments, child care operators and communities to adjust to the changes that the new initiative will bring. The government is also considering policy and regulatory amendments to the *Day Nurseries Act* in order to help support child care operators during the transition phases of the Early Learning Program and I look forward to your feedback and input as we consult on these changes.

We want the approach we take to deliver stable, high-quality and affordable services that produce real results for our province, and we need the help of our partners to do so.

We look forward to partnering with you as we work to make sure that stable, high-quality and affordable child care is available for parents and their children.

Yours truly,

*Original signed by*

Laurel Broten  
Minister