January 16, 2018

Dear Applicant:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Our File #: EECD/070/2017)

On December 19, 2017, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development received your request for access to the following records/information:

"I kindly request all correspondence related to the December 15, 2017 Education and Early Childhood Development announcement regarding Provincial/Federal Bilateral Agreement on Early Learning and Child Care. Please include list of attendees and invites that went out prior to announcement. This request would cover from June 1, 2017 to December 19, 2017."

On January 2, 2018, your request was narrowed to the following records/information:

"The final documents prepared for the announcement of the Federal/Provincial Bilateral Agreement on Early Learning and Child Care that took place on December 15, 2017. Please include a list of attendees and invites that went out prior to the announcement."

A decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to provide access to some of the requested information and the appropriate copies have been enclosed.

Access to the remaining records, and/or information contained within the records, has been refused in accordance with the following exceptions to disclosure, as specified in the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act):

Section 40: Disclosure harmful to personal privacy

(1) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant where the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy.

As required by 8(2) of the Act, we have severed information that is unable to be disclosed and have provided you with as much information as possible. In accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the appropriate copies have been enclosed.

You may appeal this decision and ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the decision to provide partial access to the requested information, as set out in section 42 of the Act. A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner. Your appeal should identify your concerns with the request and why you are submitting the appeal.

The appeal may be addressed to the Information and Privacy Commissioner as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
2 Canada Drive
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John's, NL A1B 3V8
Telephone: (709) 729-6309; Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

P.O. Box B700, St. John's, NL Canada A1B 4J6  t  709.729.1828  f  709.729.3462
You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the Act.

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the responsive records posted to the Completed Access to Information Requests website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Please note that requests for personal information will not be posted online.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned by telephone at 709-729-1841 or by e-mail at brianevans@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Brian Evans, CIPP/C
Director, Policy and Information Management
ATIPP Coordinator
From: Marnell, Debbie
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 1:10 PM
Subject: Invitation - Official Signing of Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Early Learning and Child care Bilateral Agreement (Dec. 15)
Attachments: Fed-NL invitation-EECD.pdf

Please see invitation attached.

Debbie Marnell
Media Relations Manager
Education and Early Childhood Development
709-729-1906, 699-9048
debbiemarnell@gov.nl.ca
INVITATION

The Government of Canada and
The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

cordially invite you to celebrate the official signing of the
Canada - Newfoundland and Labrador Early Learning and
Child Care Agreement

Friday, December 15, 2017
1:00 p.m.
Memorial University Child Care Centre
St. John's, NL

Please RSVP by Thursday, December 14 at 12:00 noon
debbiemarnell@gov.nl.ca

Canada

Newfoundland
Labrador
Discovery - Education and Early Childhood Development

From: [redacted]@fccnl.ca
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 3:16 PM
To: Marnell, Debbie

I will Be there.
Thanks for the invitation.

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From: Marnell, Debbie [mailto:DebbieMarnell@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 1:10 PM
Subject: Invitation - Official Signing of Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Early Learning and Child care Bilateral Agreement (Dec. 15)

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Discovery - Education and Early Childhood Development

From: [redacted]@fccnl.ca
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 3:25 PM
To: Marnell, Debbie

I will be attending. Thank you.

From: Marnell, Debbie [mailto:DebbieMarnell@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 1:10 PM
Subject: Invitation - Official Signing of Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Early Learning and Child care Bilateral Agreement (Dec. 15)

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Good afternoon Debbie,
I will be happily in attendance on Friday.

Many thanks,
Anne

Anne Burke PhD
Professor
Literacy Education & Early Learning
Faculty of Education
Memorial University
Canada
(709) 864-8610

Please see invitation attached.

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Hello Michelle,

Please find attached the following for Friday’s announcement:
1) Speaking notes
2) Key messages
3) Event scenario
4) QAs

Holler if you have any questions or need anything else.

Best,

SB

Scott Barfoot
Director of Strategic Communications (Planning)
Communications Branch – Executive Council
709-729-4864
Thank you Minister Kirby.

It is a pleasure to be here today to join Ministers O’Regan and Kirby for this important announcement.

I would like to acknowledge representatives from the child care industry for being here today, and I would like to thank Memorial University Child Care Centre for hosting us today.

And I cannot forget our most special guests – the boys and girls.
As a government, we recognize that quality child care plays a **vital role in the healthy development of children and well-being of families throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.**

We also appreciate the stress that parents experience when trying to find care for their children, as well as the cost that comes with it. **For many ‘would-be’ parents, these issues can be a deterrent to having children.**
There is no disputing that child care is an essential support to parents participating in the workforce or pursuing training and development opportunities.

Guided by the Way Forward and the 10-year child care strategy – Caring for Our Future – we are placing significant emphasis on:

- Addressing these issues,
- Improving access to affordable child care, and
- Actioning early learning and child care initiatives.
Examples of this commitment include:

- Increases to the Early Learning and Childcare Supplement and Child Care Subsidy Program,
- Introduction of new child care regulations,
- Implementation of Full-Day Kindergarten, and
- A new curriculum framework – Navigating the Early Years: An Early Childhood Learning Framework – has been piloted in regulated child care and family resource centres.
The Premier's Task on Improving Educational Outcomes has also focused on early learning, in addition to its review of the K-12 education system.

A report issued earlier this week by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives highlights the positive outcomes from this considerable focus:

- In 2017, St. John's reported the highest reduction in median fees for pre-schoolers from the previous year (down 2.4%). **St. John's also ranked the second lowest among Canadian cities that reported a waiting list.**
That marks a significant improvement. However, our work must continue.

Today, I am pleased to announce an agreement with the Federal Government that allocates more than $22 million over the next three years that will allow us to build on the considerable progress that has been made.

This $22 million partnership will enhance early learning and child care in Newfoundland and Labrador.
As Premier, and a new grandfather, I am excited at the very thought of the benefits that this partnership will bring to families.

It is expected that the investment will result in the addition of 540 spaces in child care centres and family child care homes.

The benefits do not end there.
Over the next three years, this partnership will help:

- Reduce the child care costs for low and moderate income families and support the affordability of child care;

- Increase the number of families eligible for full and partial subsidies;

- Increase the number of affordable, regulated child care spaces particularly in rural communities, linguistic minority communities, and Indigenous communities; and,
- Enhance incentives to increase Early Childhood Education qualifications, thereby influencing the quality of the child care children receive;

As you can see, this agreement will provide our government greater opportunity to benefit families and enhance the potential for our youngest citizens to continue to grow and develop and add to the fabric of our province.
Our government is committed to enhancing access to quality and affordable early learning and child-care opportunities during these important early years of development.

Children are important members of our community. **YOU are our future and you deserve endless opportunities.**

Through this agreement, we are investing in our children, our community **and our province.**
As I conclude, I would like to thank Ministers Kirby and O’Regan for their considerable engagement on this issue, as well as special thank you to the wonderful child care providers in our province.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas.
Key Messages
Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Early Learning and Child Care Agreement
December 15, 2017

Summary:
The Governments of Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador signed a three-year bilateral agreement that reaffirms the Federal Government's commitment to and support early learning and child care needs. The agreement allocates just over $22 million, over three years, to Newfoundland and Labrador for early learning and child care investments.

Key Messages:

• As a government, we recognize that child care plays a vital role in the healthy development of children and the well-being of families throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.

• Our government is pleased to partner with the Government of Canada on this important bilateral agreement that will see much-needed federal support for enhancing early learning and child care in our province.

• The agreement allocates just over $22 million, over three years, to Newfoundland and Labrador for early learning and child care investments.

• With this significant investment, we will focus on developing and enhancing a variety of key sector areas such as: Operating Grant Program, Child Care Capacity Initiative Funding, Child Care Services Subsidy, Quality Improvement initiatives including a Capital Renovation Grant Program, and supports for early childhood educators.

• The funding under this agreement will support our province's 10-year child care strategy by enhancing the direction taken in the plan, allowing the province to accomplish enhanced results by setting new targets for the remainder of the strategy.

Secondary:

• Our relationship with the Federal Government is helping ensure the availability of quality services as we navigate through our province's financial challenges.

• This agreement will provide our government greater opportunity to benefit families and enhance the potential for our youngest citizens to continue to grow and develop and add to the fabric of our province.

• We have a long history of providing a range of early learning and child care programs and services for young children and their families, while striving to increase access to affordable, high quality child care.
Event Scenario
The Honourable Dwight Ball
Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador

Canada – Newfoundland and Labrador Early Learning and Child Care Agreement

Event name: Canada – Newfoundland and Labrador Early Learning and Child Care Agreement

Organized by: The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD)

Contact: Tina Coffey, Public Relations Specialist (EECD) (709) 729-1692 tcoffey@gov.nl.ca
Tracy Rose, Executive Director, Memorial University Campus Child Care 864-4728 trose@mun.ca

Date: December 15, 2017

Start time: 1:00 p.m.

Duration of event: 60 minutes

Location: Memorial University Child Care Centre is located on Memorial University of Newfoundland’s campus adjacent to the duck pond and the Arts and Culture Centre's lawn. General office-CH-2000. Reserved parking available for Premier and Federal/Provincial Ministers. Memorial University will have security on-site. The Child Care Centre is also equipped with direct line to security in case of emergency.

Premier should arrive: 12:45 p.m. Premier will enter through main door. Premier will be escorted to green room (level two) to meet with federal minister.

Who will greet Premier: Honourable Dale Kirby, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development

Order of Events:
• 12:40 p.m. Minister Kirby and Premier meet with the Honourable Seamus O’Regan, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defense in green room, level two (CH 2003) 20 minutes before announcement.
• 12:50 p.m. Ministers Kirby and O’Regan and Premier Ball visit children in activity centre (CH1000) main floor, during play time.
• 1:00 p.m. Ministers Kirby and O'Regan and Premier Ball join invited guests for official announcement and signing of bilateral agreement in centre (CH 2000) second level, home room two (2).
• 1:05 p.m. Minister Kirby welcomes Premier Dwight Ball, Minister O'Regan, and invited guests.
• 1:09 p.m. Minister Kirby introduces/invites Minister O'Regan to come forward.
• 1:12 p.m. Minister O'Regan speaks.
• 1:19 p.m. Minister Kirby thanks Minister O'Regan. Minister Kirby introduces/invites Premier Ball to come forward.
• 1:21 p.m. Premier Ball speaks.
• 1:28 p.m. Minister Kirby thanks Premier Ball. Minister Kirby ends with closing remarks and announces Signing of Bilateral Agreement.
• 1:34 p.m. Premier Ball and Ministers O'Regan and Kirby sign agreement.
• 1:35 p.m. Photo Opportunity.
• 1:38 p.m. Media availability (Premier Ball, Ministers O'Regan and Kirby take questions from the media).

Please note: Podium and microphone available. Mic will also be set-up on table during signing of agreement. Media feed available.

Expected duration of Premier's speech: 5-7 minutes

Number of people attending (approx): 30-35

Media attending: Media Advisory will go out Thursday, December 14.

Suggested attire: Casual

Special guests invited:

• Federal Members of Parliament (tbc)

Internal:
• Premier
• Premier's staff (tbc)
• Caucus members (tbc)
• Bob Gardiner, Deputy Minister, EECD
• Mary Goss Prowse, Director of Early Childhood Development, EECD
• Elizabeth Churchill, Assistant Deputy Minister, EECD
• Joanne Juteau, Manager Child Care, EECD
• Christopher Pickard, Director of Communications, EECD
• Kara Connors, Executive Assistant to Minister Kirby, EECD
• Debbie Marnell, Manager of Communications, EECD
• Tina Coffey, PR Specialist, EECD

External:
• Association of Early Childhood Educators of Newfoundland and Labrador
  o Mary J. Walsh, Chairperson
  o Joanne B. Morris, Vice-Chairperson
  o Skye Taylor, Director,
• Family Child Care Connections
  s.40(1) [redacted], Chairperson
  s.40(1) [redacted], Coordinator
  s.40(1) [redacted], Home Visitor
• Memorial University Campus Child Care Centre Board of Directors
  s.40(1) [redacted], Vice-Chairperson
  s.40(1) [redacted], Board Chair
  s.40(1) Dr. Anne Burke Faculty of Education, Centre Board Member
  s.40(1) [redacted], Board Parent Rep
• New Fun Land Child Care Centre
  s.40(1) [redacted], Owner/Licensee
  s.40(1) [redacted], General Manager
Bilateral Agreement on Early Learning and Childcare

DRAFT Questions and Answers
December 15, 2017

1. Will all of the $22 million be spent here in NL?
Yes. This money is the NL portion of the $1.2 billion allocated for Canada from 2017-2020. It is not cost-shared and will be spent in this province.

2. What changes will this make to the Operating Grant Program?
The funding is expected to result in approximately 180 more affordable child care spaces in the province.

The operating grant rates available to child care centres as part of the Operating Grant program will be increased. It is anticipated that this will mean more child care centres will participate in the program.

Centres that participate in the Operating Grant program set their fees at rates approved under the subsidy program – this results in lower fees for families using participating centres.

Beginning in 2018-2019 a Family Child Care component of the Operating Grant will be launched supporting more affordable child care spaces for families using participating family child care homes in addition to those using participating child care centres.

It is anticipated that the addition of the family child care component beginning in 2018-2019 will increase the number of affordable child care spaces by approximately 360 spaces in family child care homes that choose to participate in the grant program.

3. How will new funding make child care more affordable for families in NL?
Participating child care services charge parent fees capped at the Child Care Subsidy daily fee ($44 for infants; $33 for toddlers; $30 for preschoolers and full-day school-age; $14 for after-school). The Operating Grant provides funding to participating centres to offset reduced revenue (Base rate: $14 per day for infants; $8 per day for toddlers and preschoolers; $3 per day for after school. Note: Higher amounts are available where the centre demonstrates need). This means more affordable child care for families using these services. Families
eligible for full child care subsidy will not have to pay a surcharge in these services as they will access free child care.

4. **What do you mean by saying that this will “Enhance the Child Care Capacity Initiative” funding and introduce a family child care capacity component of the Child Care Capacity Initiative to address unique accessibility challenges of early learning and child care in Newfoundland and Labrador?**

The capacity initiative provides developmental, capital and start-up funding to not-for-profit community groups who want to develop child care centres.

Eligible amounts and funding categories under this program have not been increased in recent years. With this bilateral agreement we will update and increase eligible amounts to encourage the development of new child care spaces where need is demonstrated. It is anticipated that this funding will result in approximately 180 new spaces over three years. A family child care component will be developed and launched in 2018-2019 to encourage child care space development in smaller, rural or remote areas where a child care centre may not be viable.

5. **To what extent will the eligibility levels of the Child Care Services Subsidy program be enhanced?**

In 2017 the net family income eligibility (after income testing) was increased from $27,000 to $32,000. It is intended that this funding will further increase net family income eligibility (after income testing) to $35,000. Families who are eligible for full subsidy will not have to pay for child care if they choose centres participating in the Operating Grant Program. It is anticipated that this will provide an additional 100 families with a full subsidy and a partial subsidy to an additional 60 moderate income families by 2020, and eliminating or reducing child care costs for approximately 540 children.

6. **Who will be able to access the Capital Renovation Grant Program for Licensed Child Care Services?**

Renovation grants will be available to child care centres and family child care homes that received waivers for physical quality requirements under the new legislation enacted July 31, 2017. Details of amounts available and eligibility criteria will be available in the coming weeks.
7. How will the department develop and implement the Quality Improvement Program?

Staff in the Early Learning and Child Development Division will develop the program based on current research and best practice regarding quality child care services. Once launched, participation in the consultation portion of the program will be open to any regulated child care service that chooses to participate. A quality improvement grant will be available to services that are participants in the Operating Grant Program.

8. Does this announcement have any impact on Early Childhood Educators?

The Province offers three bursaries to Early Childhood Educators who are upgrading their qualifications or who are graduates of an Early Childhood Education Diploma program. With funding through this bilateral agreement these bursaries will be increased to better support upgrading of the early childhood educators working in the child care sector:

- ECE Trainee Bursary – removal of the cap on the number of courses that can be claimed in each year
- ECE Field Placement Bursary – will be increased by $1,300 to a total of $2,500 per eligible field placement.
- ECE Graduate Bursary Program – will be increased from up to $5,000 to up to $7,500 (based on eligibility assessment)

The initiative will also develop and increase access to professional learning for those in the sector to enhance the quality of their practice.

9. Is there a benefit for privately owned child care centres?

The enhanced Operating Grant Program will be available to all child care centres in the Province who wish to participate. In addition, there is access to the Capital Renovation Grant program to make physical improvements to their child care space. Staff of all child care services will be able to access enhanced professional learning and, if upgrading, will be able to avail of increased grants and bursaries to support them, thus enhancing the quality of the child care services they offer.

10. How does this help family child care homes?
The new Operating Grant Program and Child Care Capacity components for family child care will benefit those services. Family child care providers may also avail of the capital enhancement grant, increased bursaries and grants for upgrading their qualifications, and will be able to access more professional learning regarding child care.

It is anticipated that funding under this agreement will increase the number of affordable child care spaces by approximately **360 spaces in family child care homes** that choose to participate in the grant program.

11. **Is there a wait list?**

There is not a wait list for programs and services offered under this agreement through the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

We do not track wait lists for spaces as child care centres operate independently. Typically, if wait lists exist they would be more likely to occur in urban settings.

St. John's is ranked the second lowest amongst Canadian centres reporting a waiting list.

12. **When will the money be released, and is it retroactive to the beginning of this fiscal year or the date of the multilateral signing?**

It is retroactive to the beginning of the fiscal year; however, the agreement allows government to carry forward up to 50% of the funds to the following year due to the timing of the signing of this agreement. Funds should be available immediately now that the agreement has been signed.

13. **Will this announcement benefit the entire province?**

Yes – all of these initiatives will be available throughout the province.
Hi Tracy

I know this is short notice.... The feds have asked if we can get the parents to sign their consent form (see attached).... The feds are required to have their forms signed and on file.
Can you ask the parents of the children that will be in the activity center to fill out before tomorrow's announcement.
Greatly appreciate it!
Tina
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From: anne.benoit@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 11:56 AM
To: Coffey, Tina
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Subject: Event Scenario and MA /Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador ELCC bilateral agreement
- St. John's, NL - December 15 (4205)
Attachments: Duclos 17-004205_SN.docx; Duclos-17-004205 MA QC.docx

Hello, please find our event scenario and our media advisory, let me know if you have any concerns.

Michelle and Cem note that it has been revised since the version that went out in the Ebinder so please use this version.
Thank you.

From: Coffey, Tina [mailto:tcoffey@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: 2017-12-14 9:30 AM
To: Benoit, Anne A [NC]
Cc: Benoit, Anne A [NC]
Subject: Re: Do not wait for wrap up / Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador ELCC bilateral agreement - St. John's, NL - December 15 (4205)

Already sent out.
Tina

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: anne.benoit@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 10:58 AM
To: Coffey, Tina
Cc: anne.benoit@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca
Subject: FW: Do not wait for wrap up / Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador ELCC bilateral agreement - St. John's, NL - December 15 (4205)

Hi Tina, if it's not too late, can you move the Canada wordmark to the right.
EVENT SCENARIO NOTE
Early Learning and Child Care Bilateral
Canada/Newfoundland Agreement Announcement

St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador
Friday, December 15, 2017

The Honourable Seamus O’Regan Minister of Veterans Affairs, Associate Minister for National Defense and Member of Parliament for St. John’s South – Mount Pearl (Newfoundland and Labrador) along with the Honourable Dale Kirby, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, will announce the bilateral Canada/Newfoundland Early Learning and Child Care agreement. The announcement will be held at Memorial University Child Care Centre in St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador. Minister O’Regan will be doing the announcement on behalf of The Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos Minister of Families, Children and Social Development.

Memorial University Child Care Centre
Memorial University of Newfoundland’s (MUN) campus
(Adjacent to the duck pond and the Arts and Culture Centre’s lawn)
230 Elizabeth Avenue
St. John’s, NL
A1C 5S7

Greenroom: A greenroom will be available for the speakers from 12:30 to 1 p.m. It is located on level 2, room CH 2003.

Parking: A parking space for the Minister’s car will be reserved. The parking is located at in front of the building.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

12:40 p.m. Minister O’Regan arrives at the Child Care Centre and is greeted outside the main entrance by Michelle Andrews, Service Canada.

12:45 p.m. The Minister is escorted to the greenroom (CH 2003) and meets with the Premier of Newfoundland, Dwight Ball, and Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, Dale Kirby. Michelle Andrews reviews agenda details with the Ministers and their staff. Minister Kirby and Premier Ball will then proceed to the signature of the agreement.

Com Utku Duyulmus; Federal Negotiator, ESDC will have four English and four French copies of the agreement that have already been signed by Minister Duclos. All eight copies will need to be signed by Minister Kirby and Premier Ball. Com will keep the original two English and two French copies with original signatures for ESDC records.

1:00 p.m. Ministers Kirby and O’Regan and Premier Ball as well as media visit children in activity centre (CH 1000) home room 1, during play time. They participate in a game of XXX led by an employee of the Child Care Centre.
1:05 p.m. Ministers Kirby and O'Regan and Premier Ball join invited guests for official announcement and signing of bilateral agreement in activity centre (CH 2000) home room 2.

1:06 p.m. Minister Kirby welcomes guests and introduces Minister O'Regan and invites him forward to make announcement.

1:10 p.m. Minister O'Regan delivers remarks, makes the announcement and afterwards, sits in the first row.

*Photo opportunity led by Michelle Andrews, ESDC*

1:17 p.m. Minister Kirby moves to the podium, thanks Minister O'Regan and invites Premier Ball to come forward.

1:18 p.m. Premier Ball delivers remarks and afterwards, sits in the front row.

1:25 p.m. Minister Kirby thanks Premier Ball. Minister Kirby delivers details of the agreement and the closing remarks. Minister Kirby indicates that the dignitaries will be available for media following a group photo.

1:27 p.m. Group photo of speakers.

*Photo opportunity led by Michelle Andrews, ESDC*

1:30 p.m. Media availability.

*Led by the Minister's staff*

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Event Set-up (coordinated by the Region, the Province and the Organization)**

- The event will be held in room CH 2000 level 2.
- The set-up needs to be finished by 12:30 p.m. at the latest.
- A podium will be provided and set-up by the province.
- Sound system with microphone will be provided and set-up by the province.
- Seating arrangement will be theatre style for approx. 15 seating and 15 standing. The host organization will provide and set up.
- Five chairs will be reserved, in the front row near the podium, for the Ministers, the Premier and two of their staff, Service Canada to coordinate.
- Two Canada flags will be provided and set up by Service Canada staff.
- Wi-Fi is available (TBC)

**Security**

Memorial University will have security on-site. The Child Care Centre is also equipped with direct line to security in case of emergency.
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In the bullet where the task force is referenced...it should be “Improving Educational Outcomes”. Also shouldn’t we also mention that the report was released in July and lots of work has taken place for the development of an Education Action Plan?

Bob

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These had already been reviewed, but some changes made.

Speaking Notes
Honourable Dale Kirby, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development
Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Early Learning and Child Care Agreement
Campus Childcare, Memorial University
Friday, December 15 -- 1:00 p.m.

- Good afternoon Premier Ball, Minister O’Regan, fellow MHAs, invited guests, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls.
• Thank you all for being here for this significant event.

• On June 12 of this year, my colleagues from across the country were honoured to meet in Ottawa with the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development to sign a Multilateral Early Learning and Child Care Framework.

• This marked a significant milestone in which governments agreed to work together to address some of the key early learning and child care issues across the country.

• And that important work is solidified today as we have officially signed the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Early Learning and Child Care Agreement.

• At this time, I would like to introduce the Honourable Seamus O'Regan, Federal Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defense who is here on behalf of the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development. (Read Bio)
Minister O’Regan speaks

- Thank you Minister O’Regan. I would now like to invite the Honourable Dwight Ball, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador to the podium.

Premier speaks.

- Thank you Premier.

- I certainly agree with the Premier and Minister O’Regan on the importance of this agreement.

- We are very pleased to work with our federal partners on this significant initiative.

- This funding will help us deliver on our mandate for increasing access to affordable, quality childcare and making a clear difference in the lives of children, families and all of those involved in early childhood education in our province.
• Our government has developed a Newfoundland and Labrador Action Plan, which is built on two main priority areas aligning with the Multilateral Early Learning and Child Care Framework:

• The first area focuses on improving accessibility and affordability of child care for low and middle income families by:
  o Enhancing the Operating Grant Program;
  o Implementing changes to the Child Care Services Subsidy program; and
  o Enhancing the Child Care Capacity Initiative

• The second area focuses on enhancing the quality of early learning and child care across Newfoundland and Labrador by:
  o Enhancing grants, bursaries and professional learning opportunities for early childhood educators;
  o Introducing a Capital Renovation Grant Program for Licensed Child Care Centres; and
  o Developing a Quality Improvement Program.

• With today’s signing, we can move our important work forward, develop new initiatives and continue to provide essential early learning
and childcare programs and services to our province’s children and families.

- In 2012, Newfoundland and Labrador launched its 10-year child care strategy, “Caring For Our Future”.

- The strategy builds on three key pillars: quality, sufficiency and affordability. These pillars align well with the principles of this bilateral agreement.

- The funding under this agreement will support our 10-year child care strategy by enhancing the direction taken in the plan, allowing the province to accomplish enhanced results by setting new targets for the remainder of the strategy.

- Early Learning is essential to the foundation of life-long learning.

- And we are committed to providing our children with access to quality early learning and child care opportunities during the very important early years of development.

- Quality early learning and child care is provided by qualified staff in play-based environments, including: child care centres, family child care homes and family resource centres that promote early learning using well-researched best practices.
• Quality child care benefits children through more interactive, play-based learning environments and it supports their entry into the K-12 system.

• Child care also provides an essential support to parents participating in the workforce or pursuing training and development opportunities.

• Over the last year, our government has introduced a number of provincial early learning and child care initiatives that support the province’s commitment to the Early Learning and Child Care System in Newfoundland and Labrador:

  o We launched Full-Day Kindergarten for children in the 2016-2017 school year.

  o The Premier’s Task Force on Educational Outcomes was appointed to conduct a review of the K-12 education system in Newfoundland and Labrador and to consider priority areas, including early learning.

  o Our government provided a significant increase to the Early Learning and Childcare Supplement which directly benefits Early Childhood Educators throughout the province.

  o We also committed an additional $2 million in annual funding for the Child Care Subsidy Program.
• We are acting on key recommendations for early years – expanding the Operating Grants Program, and developing and upgrading professional learning opportunities for early childhood educators.

• Being in a position to further implement valuable initiatives helps make today’s event so important.

• Over the last year, I have had the pleasure of being able to visit over 40 childcare facilities through the province.

• To see firsthand the incredible work of our childcare professionals and to interact with so many children and witness the invaluable lessons they are learning, not to mention all the fun they have at play!

• Early childhood educators are playing such a vital role in the core development of our children. (Minister to add in other personal comments?)

• As the Premier said earlier, today is indeed a special day for children, families and communities in Newfoundland and Labrador and I am honoured to be a part of it.
• Once again, I thank you for coming to this morning’s event. I hope everyone enjoys the reminder of their day.

• At this time we will take a few minutes for photographs and then we will be available to take questions from media.

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Hi Anne
See attached event scenario...
Included: information re: wifi info and list of children’s activities happening during visit.
I have forwarded consent form. I will collect these tomorrow morning before announcement begins. I will pass along to Michelle.
I will also send a media list as soon as it is confirmed.
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Also, Mary Walsh is attending from AECENL.
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Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 8:48 AM
To: Pickard, Christopher <ChristopherPickard@gov.nl.ca>; Marnell, Debbie <DebbieMarnell@gov.nl.ca>; Connors, Kara <KaraConnors@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Re: Bilateral Announcement

Haven't heard anything.

From: Pickard, Christopher
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 8:46 AM
To: Marnell, Debbie; Coffey, Tina; Connors, Kara
Subject: FW: Bilateral Announcement

Have any of you heard anything different? See below)

From: Goss-Prowse, Mary
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 8:28 AM
To: Pickard, Christopher <ChristopherPickard@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Bilateral Announcement

See below from Christian Paradis yesterday evening ... we are still a go right?

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Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 6:42 PM
To: Goss-Prowse, Mary <MaryGossprowse@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: New Signing Date?

Hi Mary, have you heard about any potential changes to tomorrow's announcement? People seems to be unsure here!
From: Goss-Prowse, Mary [mailto:MaryGossprowse@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: 2017-12-14 11:49 AM
To: Paradis, Christian C [NC]
Subject: RE: New Signing Date?

Yes – I sent it along same day. I will forward to them again!

Thanks,
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Hi Mary, did you have a chance to look into this and send to your financial folks? We will need this info before doing the transfer. Thanks.

From: Paradis, Christian C [NC]
Sent: 2017-12-08 8:17 AM
To: 'Goss-Prowse, Mary'
Subject: RE: New Signing Date?

Ok thanks. and since it looks as if my Minister will not be there, we will get his signature on the agreements prior. Depending on how quickly we can get that, we could either mail you the agreements for your Ministerial signatures or organize signing the day of. Either way, we will be able to start the transfer of funds once we get the signed copies back to us. I am sending you info for starting to prepare the transfer of funds:

In anticipation of the signature of the ELCC Agreement and transfer of funds, a direct deposit form will need to be completed (please see attached). Once the form is completed, please send us back the electronic version and we will send it to our Business Centre. Additional information can be found at the link below:


Don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Christian

From: Goss-Prowse, Mary [mailto:MaryGossprowse@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: 2017-12-08 8:04 AM
To: Paradis, Christian C [NC]
Subject: RE: New Signing Date?

Just had an email from the Minister’s EA – working towards the 18th with Minister Seamus O’Regan – I’ll keep you posted.

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Hi Mary, I was told a date of December 18 for an announcement, have you heard the same?

From: Goss-Prowse, Mary [mailto:MaryGossprowse@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: 2017-11-30 8:57 AM
To: Paradis, Christian C [NC]
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Hi Christian,

Just wondering if there is anything you can do at your end to get this back on the radar? Our Minister is very anxious to get the signing done.

Thanks,
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Hot issues for EECD – December 15:

**Bilateral Child Care Agreement:** Today at 1:00 p.m. at Memorial university Child Care Centre there will be an announcement of the signing of the bilateral agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of Canada which will see a three year commitment totaling approximately $22 million into early learning and child care in our province. The Premier will be attending the event along with Minister Kirby and Minister Seamus O’Regan.

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Had an email from Christian – Cem could not land last night due to the wind – he is expected this morning.

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From: Pickard, Christopher
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 8:45 AM
To: Goss-Prowse, Mary <MaryGossprowse@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: Bilateral Announcement

Not heard anything here

From: Goss-Prowse, Mary
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 8:28 AM
To: Pickard, Christopher <ChristopherPickard@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Bilateral Announcement

See below from Christian Paradis yesterday evening ... we are still a go right?

Hi Mary, have you heard about any potential changes to tomorrow's announcement? People seems to be unsure here!
From: Goss-Prowse, Mary [mailto:MaryGossprowse@gov.nl.ca]  
Sent: 2017-12-14 11:49 AM  
To: Paradis, Christian C [NC]  
Subject: RE: New Signing Date?

Yes – I sent it along same day. I will forward to them again!

Thanks,
Mary

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From: christian.paradis@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca [mailto:christian.paradis@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca]  
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 1:16 PM  
To: Goss-Prowse, Mary <MaryGossprowse@gov.nl.ca>  
Subject: FW: New Signing Date?

Hi Mary, did you have a chance to look into this and send to your financial folks? We will need this info before doing the transfer. Thanks.

From: Paradis, Christian C [NC]  
Sent: 2017-12-08 8:17 AM  
To: ‘Goss-Prowse, Mary’  
Subject: RE: New Signing Date?

Ok thanks. and since it looks as if my Minister will not be there, we will get his signature on the agreements prior. Depending on how quickly we can get that, we could either mail you the agreements for your Ministerial signatures or organize signing the day of. Either way, we will be able to start the transfer of funds once we get the signed copies back to us. I am sending you info for starting to prepare the transfer of funds:

In anticipation of the signature of the ELCC Agreement and transfer of funds, a direct deposit form will need to be completed (please see attached). Once the form is completed, please send us back the electronic version and we will send it to our Business Centre. Additional information can be found at the link below:


Don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Christian

From: Goss-Prowse, Mary [mailto:MaryGossprowse@gov.nl.ca]  
Sent: 2017-12-08 8:04 AM
To: Paradis, Christian C [NC]
Subject: RE: New Signing Date?

Just had an email from the Minister’s EA – working towards the 18th with Minister Seamus O’Regan – I’ll keep you posted.

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From: christian.paradis@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 6:15 PM
To: Goss-Prowse, Mary <MaryGossprowse@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: New Signing Date?

Hi Mary, I was told a date of December 18 for an announcement, have you heard the same?

From: Goss-Prowse, Mary
Sent: 2017-11-30 8:57 AM
To: Paradis, Christian C [NC]
Subject: New Signing Date?

Hi Christian,

Just wondering if there is anything you can do at your end to get this back on the radar? Our Minister is very anxious to get the signing done.

Thanks,
Mary

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Hi Elvis

See attached event scenario. I will call you just before 12...

Tina
Canada – Newfoundland and Labrador Early Learning and Child Care Agreement

Event name: Canada – Newfoundland and Labrador Early Learning and Child Care Agreement

Organized by: The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD)

Contact: Tina Coffey, Public Relations Specialist (EECD) (709) 729-1692
tcoffey@gov.nl.ca
Tracy Rose, Executive Director, Memorial University Campus Child Care 864-4728 trose@mun.ca

Date: December 15, 2017

Start time: 1:00 p.m.

Duration of event: 60 minutes

Location: Memorial University Child Care Centre is located on Memorial University of Newfoundland’s campus adjacent to the duck pond and the Arts and Culture Centre’s lawn. General office-CH-2000. Reserved parking available for Premier and Federal/Provincial Ministers. Memorial University will have security on-site. The Child Care Centre is also equipped with direct line to security in case of emergency.

Premier should arrive: 12:45 p.m. Premier will enter through main door. Premier will be escorted to green room (level 2) to meet with federal minister.

Who will greet Premier: Honourable Dale Kirby, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development

Order of Events:
• 12:45 p.m. Minister Kirby and Premier meet with the Honourable Seamus O’Regan, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defense in green room, level two (CH 2003) to sign agreement before announcement (behind closed doors).
1:00 p.m. Ministers Kirby and O'Regan and Premier Ball visit children in activity centre (CH1000) main floor, during play time. Mun Child Care staff, [Redacted] and [Redacted] will introduce Premier and Ministers. Children's activities include: drawing, puzzles/table toy activities, sand box and playdough. *(Photo Opportunity for Media)*

1:06 p.m. Ministers Kirby and O'Regan and Premier Ball join invited guests for official announcement in centre (CH 2000) second level, home room 2.

1:07 p.m. Minister Kirby welcomes Premier Dwight Ball, Minister O'Regan, and invited guests.

1:08 p.m. Minister Kirby introduces/invites Minister O'Regan to come forward.

1:10 p.m. Minister O'Regan speaks.

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Subject: NR TO BE ISSUED: Minister O'Regan - ELCC Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador agreement - St. John's, NL - December 15 at 1:00 p.m. NST (4205)
Importance: High

Hello colleagues,

Please issue the attached News Release, nationally, today, December 15 at 11:30 a.m. ET (1:00 p.m. NST).

Let me know if you have questions.

Amélie

News Release and Backgrounder

English       French

Media Lines and Q&As

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Merci !

Amélie Caron
Assistant Communications Officer
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Discovery - Education and Early Childhood Development

From: Releases, News
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 1:51 PM
To: Releases, News
Subject: NLIS 2 - Provincial and Federal Governments Sign Bilateral Agreement on Early Learning and Child Care

NLIS 2
Executive Council
Education and Early Childhood Development
December 15, 2017

Provincial and Federal Governments Sign Bilateral Agreement on Early Learning and Child Care

The Government of Canada is making significant investments in early learning and child care systems which will improve the lives of Canadian children and their families.

Today, the Honourable Dwight Ball, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador; the Honourable Seamus O'Regan, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defense, on behalf of the Honourable Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development; and the Honourable Dale Kirby, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development for Newfoundland and Labrador, announced a three-year bilateral agreement that re-affirms their commitment to and support of the unique early learning and child care needs of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The agreement allocates just over $22 million, over three years, to Newfoundland and Labrador for early learning and child care investments.

The funding will support the existing 10-year child care strategy which will develop and implement innovative approaches to address early learning and child care challenges through subsidies, grants, bursaries and professional learning opportunities.

The strategy can be found online at: www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/publications/childcare/caring_for_our_future.pdf.

This announcement follows an historic agreement, made on June 12, 2017, by Federal, Provincial and Territorial Ministers Responsible for Early Learning and Child Care on a Multilateral Early Learning and Child Care Framework. The framework sets the foundation for governments to work towards a shared long-term vision where all children across Canada can experience the enriching environment of quality early learning and child care.

The Newfoundland and Labrador action plan is built on two main priority areas, aligning with the Multilateral Early Learning and Child Care Framework. They are:
- Improving accessibility and affordability of child care for low and middle income families by:
  - Enhancing the Operating Grant Program;
  - Implementing changes to the Child Care Services Subsidy program; and
  - Enhancing the Child Care Capacity Initiative
• Enhancing the quality of early learning and child care across Newfoundland and Labrador by:
  o Enhancing grants, bursaries and professional learning opportunities for early childhood educators;
  o Introducing a Capital Renovation Grant Program for Licensed Child Care Centres; and
  o Developing a Quality Improvement Program.

The framework principles include increasing the quality, accessibility, affordability, flexibility and inclusivity of early learning and child care, with consideration for families that need child care the most.

The bilateral agreement is another step to help ensure that Newfoundland and Labrador children get the best start in life and is supported by long-term Government of Canada investments in early learning and child care announced in Budgets 2016 and 2017, totalling $7.5 billion over 11 years.

Quotes
"As a government we recognize that child care plays a vital role in the healthy development of children and the well-being of families throughout Newfoundland and Labrador. We are very pleased to partner with the Government of Canada on this important bilateral agreement that will see much-needed federal support for enhancing early learning and child care in our province."
Honourable Dwight Ball
Premier of Newfoundland Labrador

"For many families, access to high-quality, affordable child care is not a commodity—it is a necessity. That is why the Governments of Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador strongly believe investments in early learning and child care will build a high-quality, flexible, inclusive and affordable early learning and child care system."
Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos
Minister of Families, Children and Social Development

"The first years of life are essential for children’s development and future well-being. That is why I am pleased that the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador are working together to improve the long term capacities of the early learning and child care system."
Honourable Seamus O’Regan
Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence

"We are very pleased to work with our federal partners on this significant initiative. This funding will help us deliver on our mandate for increasing access to affordable, quality childcare and making a clear difference in the lives of children, families and all of those involved in early childhood education in our province."
Honourable Dale Kirby
Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development

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Multilateral Early Learning and Child Care Framework

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Backgrounder

Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Early Learning and Child Care Agreement

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The implementation of this framework, and a separate Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Framework to be co-developed with Indigenous peoples, is supported by federal investments announced in Budgets 2016 and 2017, totalling $7.5 billion over 11 years. Through bilateral agreements, the Government of Canada will provide provinces and territories with $1.2 billion, over three years, that outline the unique early learning and child care needs that will be addressed and funding allocation for each jurisdiction.

The Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador have signed an early learning and child care bilateral agreement. Through this bilateral agreement, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador will receive just over $22 million, over three years to be used towards strengthening their early learning and child care system through innovative approaches, subsidies, grants, bursaries and professional learning opportunities.

The focus will be on the following key areas:

- Enhancing the Operating Grant Program for child care centres and developing an operating grant component for Family Child Care to address affordability challenges in rural and remote community settings;
• Enhancing the Child Care Capacity Initiative funding and introducing a family child care capacity component of the Child Care Capacity Initiative to address unique accessibility challenges of early learning and child care in Newfoundland and Labrador, especially in rural, and remote communities where a child care centre may not be viable;
• Enhancing and increasing eligibility levels of the Child Care Services Subsidy program;
• Enhancing bursaries, grants and access to professional learning for early childhood educators; and
• Adding consultative and financial quality improvement supports to regulated child care services.
• Introducing a Capital Renovation Grant Program for Licensed Child Care Centres.

By the end of the three-year agreement, this funding will:
• Reduce the child care costs for low and moderate income families and support the affordability of child care for all families in Newfoundland and Labrador;
• Increase the number of families eligible for full and partial subsidies;
• Increase the number of regulated child care services particularly in underserviced areas, with a focus on rural communities, linguistic minority communities, and Indigenous communities;
• Enhance incentives to increase Early Childhood Education qualifications, thereby influencing the quality of the child care children receive in the province;
• Make available a one-year Capital Renovation Grant program; and
• Offer a Quality Enhancement Grant available to child care services participating in the Operating Grant Program to boost quality.

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Debbie

Can you tweet couple of these.

Tina

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Nakonieczny, Derek <dnakonieczny@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 2:48 PM
To: Cannizzaro, Michelle; Card, Jason
Cc: Walsh, Doris A.; Coffey, Tina; Hood, Jillian; Pickard, Christopher; Marnell, Debbie; Coffey, Tina
Subject: PHOTOS - Fed Prov bilateral agreement on early learning

Doris,

The one you’re looking for is #3887,

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Darek Nakonieczny
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From: Coffey, Tina
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 2:26 PM
To: Nakonieczny, Derek
Subject: Premier ES - Fed Prov bilateral agreement signing early learning and child care.docx

See attached...
We can discuss further if you have any questions.
Thanks
Tina
From: Coffey, Tina
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 2:40 PM
To: Goss-Prowse, Mary
Cc: Marnell, Debbie; Connors, Kara; Pickard, Christopher
Subject: Fact Sheet rev Bilateral - Dec 2017
Attachments: Fact Sheet rev Bilateral - Dec 2017.pdf

FYI
See attached fact sheet from Friday's announcement. Pdf format.
Tina
Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador
Early Learning and Child Care Bilateral Agreement
FACT SHEET

Funding from the bilateral agreement will benefit children, parents, families, child care centre owners and early childhood educators. Some of the funding initiatives include:

Expanding the Operating Grant Program:

- Increasing operating grants provided to licensed centres:
  - Preschool Grant Range: $8.00 to $11.50 per space, per day (includes $2.30 range increase);
  - Toddler Grant Range: $8.00 to $11.50 per space, per day for toddlers (includes $2.30 range increase);
  - Infant Grant Range: $14.00 to $19.50 per space per day for infants (includes $3.40 range increase).
- New operating grant program to be developed for regulated family child care homes (beginning 2018-19).
- Increased program funding will see approximately five per cent increase of centres participating in the operating grant program; 180 more affordable child care spaces.
- Regulated family child care services beginning in 2018-19 anticipated to make 360 spaces more affordable in currently regulated family child care homes that choose to participate in the grant program by 2020.
- Investment will increase affordability of a minimum of 540 additional child care spaces in licensed child care centres and family child care homes by 2020.

Changes to the Child Care Services Subsidy Program:

- Investments will further increase net family income threshold (after income testing) to $35,000. This threshold was increased by the Province last spring from $27,000 to $32,000. These increases (the first since 2007) represent a 30% increase in this threshold in 2017-18.
- Provide approximately additional 100 families with full subsidy and partial subsidy to an additional 60 moderate income families by 2020, eliminating or reducing child care costs for approximately 540 children.

Enhancing the Child Care Capacity Initiative (CCCI):

- Increase number of regulated child care services, particularly in underserviced areas, with a focus on rural, linguistic minority and Indigenous communities.
- Increasing and updating eligible funding categories in the current program and introduction of a Family Child Care Capacity initiative for rural, remote and linguistic minority communities will create approximately 236 new spaces (up to 180 centre-based and 56 family child care spaces in rural, remote, or linguistic minority communities) by 2020.

Enhancements of grants, bursaries and professional learning opportunities for Early Childhood Educators (ECEs):

- Removing the cap on the number of courses claimable per year under the ECE Trainee Bursary. Previously applicants who completed four courses per year were eligible for $500 (now eligible for $1,000).
- Increasing ECE On-Campus Field Placement Bursary to $2,500 from $1,200 for those required to complete a field placement at a College of the North Atlantic campus as part of their studies.
• Increasing ECE Graduate Bursary to $7,500 from $5,000 to recruit and retain ECE graduates.
• Up to 50 additional early childhood educators in receipt of bursaries will attain either a one-year Certificate or two-year Diploma in Early Childhood Education by 2020, impacting approximately 400 children.
• Access to new professional learning opportunities for all ECEs in the province.

Introducing a Capital Renovation Grant Program for Licensed Child Care Centres (2017-2018):

• Program will be available to child care centres and family child care homes holding waivers for physical space quality improvement under the new legislation. It is anticipated that a minimum of 25 per cent of eligible licensed child care services (approximately 50 centres and homes / 1,750 spaces) will apply to avail of this grant.

Quality Improvement Program (2018-2020):

• Program to be developed for 2018-19 offering dedicated child care quality consultants to any regulated child care service requesting consultation and a Quality Enhancement Grant Program for child care services participating in the Operating Grant Program to enhance quality in regulated child care services.