June 18, 2015

Dear Applicant:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Our File #: EDU/009/2015)

On June 4, 2015, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development received your request for access to the following records/information:

"Budget 2015 Provides Approximately $1.4 Billion for Early Childhood Education, K-12 and Post-Secondary. Request total amount allocated to Early Childhood Education with breakdown by Division, project, plan, or activity within Early Childhood Education."

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by Deputy Minister for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to provide access to the requested information.

In accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the appropriate copies have been enclosed.

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 Office of Public Engagement's 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
Director of Information Management & Special Projects
ATIPP Coordinator
Division of Early Childhood Learning

The Division of Early Childhood Learning was created in January, 2005, to focus on the learning needs of pre-school children, and to develop and implement programs which will provide a solid foundation for success in school.

Programs and Services (allocations for the programs and services are broken down in the table below):

1) Consultant support provided for approved Early Childhood Learning initiatives approved under Learning from the Start (e.g., Parent Resource Kits, Early Childhood Learning Framework, Full Day Kindergarten);
2) Develop and implement early learning resources for parents of children birth to age 3, KinderStart students and their parents/ caregivers, and professionals that provide support to children birth to age 6 and their families;
3) Provide consultant support for implementation of KinderStart programming and develop and implement KinderStart program resources;
4) Offer summer institutes on topics related to Early Childhood Learning (i.e. KinderStart, Play based learning, curriculum).

Activity Description:
Provides appropriations for the learning needs of pre-school children and for the development of programs to prepare them to be successful when they enter the formal school system. The Division also provides support to the Ministerial Council on Early Childhood Learning.

1 SALARIES

- Provision for 26 pay periods for 5 divisional staff (Director; 3 Program Development Specialists; Administrative Officer) $344,700

2 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

- Provides for various conferences and memberships $700

3 TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Travel $10,600
- Communications $1,500
- Early Childhood Learning - Birth to Three initiatives $20,000
- Full Day Kindergarten $7,200

$39,300

4 SUPPLIES

- Office Supplies $3,300
- Early Childhood Development Initiatives (KinderStart packages) $148,800
- Early Childhood Learning - Birth to Three initiatives (parent resource kits: text books/children's literature) $683,800
- Full Day Kindergarten (assessment tools, professional learning and summer institute) $25,000

$860,900
5 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
- Full Day Kindergarten Professional Learning $125,000
- Assessment / Evaluation (Early Years Evaluation) $125,000
- Power of Play Campaign $100,000
- Summer Institute $5,000
- Early Childhood Learning Framework $25,000

$380,000

6 PURCHASED SERVICES
- General Purchased Services $9,000
- Early Childhood Development (play items, brochures, and other materials developed for Birth to Three Parent Resource Kits; KinderStart Program; and materials/resources required for professional learning and summer institute, excluding text books and children's literature) $102,500

$111,500

10 GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES
- Early Childhood Grants - Grants to support early literacy and numeracy projects $200,000
- Early Childhood Learning - Grants to support Birth to Three initiatives $521,100
- Full Day Kindergarten - Professional learning teacher travel costs $25,000

$746,100

Total amount allocated to the Division of Early Childhood Education - Budget 2015: $2,483,200