

# *District of Parry Sound*

## **SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD**

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April 19, 2011

Honorable Laurel Broten  
Minister of Youth and Children's Services  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
56 Wellesley Street West  
Toronto, Ontario M5S 2S3

Dear Ms. Broten

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Our organization is concerned that the current planning process underway in regard to the development of a framework for the Best Start Child and Family System does not reflect the Province's commitment towards a streamlined and integrated system of early learning and child care under one Ministry nor does it include full consultation with DSSABs and CMSMs in their role as municipal partners.

Accordingly, I have attached the resolution from the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board for your consideration.

We support the implementation of the Early Learning vision as outlined in the Pascal Report and urge you to move ahead with the recommendations contained therein.

Sincerely,



Janet Patterson, CAO  
District of Parry Sound Social Services

cc. NOSDA members  
Mr. Norm Miller, MPP  
Ms. Monique Smith, MPP

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Honorable Leona Dombrowsky,  
Minister of Education  
22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Mowat Block  
900 Bay Street  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1L2

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**RESOLUTION NO:** 11 04 02

**CARRIED:**  **DEFEATED:**  **DATE:** APRIL 14, 2011

**MOVED BY:**  **SECONDED BY:** 

**Whereas** the Province announced the transfer of child care responsibility to the Ministry of Education and a continued commitment to the recommendations of Pascal's report which included a fully integrated system of early learning and child care for all children from birth to age twelve and

Whereas Pascal's report sets out the vision for an integrated system of services for families and children delivered through Best Start Child and Family Centres and

**Whereas** the Province has committed to stabilizing and enhancing licensed child care services for children from birth to age four and

**Whereas** the Province has reiterated the role of municipal service managers as partners in the transformation of the early learning system and

**Whereas** the funding and management of the Ontario Early Years Centres has remained with the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and

**Whereas** the engagement of DSSAB's and CMSMs in their role as municipal service manager partners occurred only through a generic stakeholder invitation to complete a survey.

**Therefore Be It Resolved that**

The District of Parry Sound DSSAB requests that the Province transfer the full management of children's programs to DSSAB's and CMSM's including the Ontario Early Years Centre funding, according to their respective geographic boundaries and

That the Ministry of Education adequately fund the already fragile child care system in Ontario so that it can adjust to the movement of four and five year into the school system and refocus on expanding much-needed services for younger children and

That the Province direct and resource school boards to open their doors and start meeting the needs of modern families and

That the Province engage in collaborative discussions with DSSB's and CMSMs as the municipal service managers identified as partners in the development of Best Start Child and Family Centres and

That this resolution be forwarded to Minister Dombroski, Min of Ed, Minister Broten, MCYS, NOSDA and our MPPs.

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>		<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Bill Church	_____	_____	Hector Lavigne	_____	_____
Marty Corcoran	_____	_____	Barb Marlow	_____	_____
Peter Daleman	_____	_____	Jamie McGarvey	_____	_____
Bill deVries	_____	_____	Bill O'Hallarn	_____	_____
Wilma Hague	_____	_____	Rod Osborne	_____	_____
Pat Haufe	_____	_____	Verlie Toman	_____	_____
Jack Hepworth	_____	_____	Rick Zanussi	_____	_____
Brad Horne	_____	_____			