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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Chief Administrative Officers, CMSMs and DSSABs  
General Managers/Commissioners, CMSMs and DSSABs  
Children's Service Managers, CMSMs and DSSABs

**FROM:** Julia Danos  
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**DATE:** **October 26, 2017**

**SUBJECT:** **Child Care Funding Update**

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The need for improved wages and compensation for the early years and child care workforce was a recurring theme heard through the ministry's province-wide consultation over the fall 2016 and winter 2017. A key priority of the [Renewed Early Years and Child Care Policy Framework](#) is the development of an early years workforce strategy.

The Ministry of Education recognizes that increasing operating pressures may lead to increases in parental fees. To support improving wages for the licensed child care workforce, affordability for families, and to address potential fee increases, the ministry will provide Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSMs), District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSABs) and First Nations \$12.7 million in incremental funding for the first quarter of 2018, to support those staff currently earning under \$14 an hour. The new investment will not require service system manager cost sharing and will include administration funding to support implementation.

This \$12.7 million investment is in addition to our government's historic \$1.44 billion annual investment in child care including wage enhancement, Child Care Expansion Plan and Canada–Ontario Early Learning and Child Care Agreement (ELCC) funding. This funding is intended to help stabilize fee increases.

Funding for this initiative will be provided to CMSMs and DSSABs through 2018 preliminary transfer payment agreements. Further information, including allocations, eligibility and reporting requirements, will be provided in the 2018 child care service agreement package, which will be released in the fall of 2017. Child care licensees will also receive a communication from the ministry on this additional investment for 2018, CMSMs and DSSABs will be copied when this is released.

This funding supports our government's commitment to make licensed child care more affordable and accessible for Ontario families.

We appreciate and value your ongoing partnership as we continue to transform the child care system across the province.

Sincerely,

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