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Dear Child Care Operator:

There is exciting progress to report to you regarding the transfer of child care from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) to the Ministry of Education (EDU). The transfer, announced in April 2010, was based on clear evidence that high quality, integrated early learning and development pays off in terms of student achievement, and social and emotional development -- and it helps to build a stronger knowledge-based economy.

Today I want to tell you about the last phase of the child care transfer. Together, the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (CYS) and the Ministry of Education (EDU) have just announced that responsibility for child care licensing will transfer from CYS to EDU on January 1, 2012. Staff of both ministries have been working closely on all aspects of this transfer to ensure that we achieve as seamless a transition as possible.

A new branch has been established in EDU's Early Learning Division to take on this work. The new branch -- the Child Care Quality Assurance and Licensing Branch -- will take on the licensing function and any staff transferred from CYS. This new branch will work closely with the two other branches of the Early Learning Division -- the Early Learning and Child Care Policy and Program Branch and the Early Learning and Child Care Implementation Branch, as well as the Early Learning and Child Care Program Support Unit.

The new Child Care Quality Assurance and Licensing Branch will have staff in EDU's corporate office and located across the province to carry out the licensing work in the field.

We are thrilled to welcome the child care licensing staff to the Ministry of Education's Early Learning Division. We know that we will continue to benefit from the deep knowledge and experience of the professional staff who will be joining our Early Learning Division.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Grieve".

Jim Grieve  
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