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Canada's Early Learning And Child Care System Is Now A Reality In Ontario!

Dear Neighbours,

I hope you've been well since my last edition. So much good has happened that will directly benefit the people of Whitby and Durham Region. This includes Ontario **finally** signing on to the Government of Canada's \$10-a-day child care plan! The agreement will ensure that Whitby and Durham Region families have better access to high-quality, affordable, flexible, and inclusive early learning and child care.

As of April 1, 2022, the plan reduces child care fees in the short term, delivers \$10-a-day child care for Ontario families, and will create

86,000 new licensed early learning and child care spaces by 2025.

Rebates will begin automatically flowing in May, and are retroactive to April 1.

Our plan is already making life more affordable for families, creating new jobs, getting parents—especially women—back into the workforce, and growing the middle class while giving every child a real and fair chance at success.

More than half of Canada's provinces and territories have already seen reductions in child care fees and, by the end of 2022, average fees for regulated early learning and child

care spaces will be cut in half across the country, including right here in Ontario.

Please see more details on the Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) agreement below. As always, if my team or I can be of assistance with your federal issues, such as travel or immigration, do not hesitate to reach out. We're happy to assist.

Thanks and talk soon,

Ryan Turnbull
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Investing In Early Learning And Child Care Means Growing Canada's Economy

Child care isn't just a social policy—it's an economic policy, too. **Every dollar invested in early learning and child care in Canada returns \$1.50-\$2.80 to the economy.** Affordable, high-quality child care will grow our economy, allow more parents—especially women—to enter the workforce, and help give every Canadian child the best start in life.

Other Benefits Of Our Government's Early Learning And Child Care Plan Include:

- Growing a **strong and skilled workforce** of early childhood educators;
- **Immediately Increasing Early Childhood Educator wages** and providing greater opportunities for professional development;
- **Supporting vulnerable children** and children from diverse populations, including children with disabilities and children needing enhanced or individual supports.



The Best Start Possible For Our Kids

The Early Learning and Child Care agreement will reduce licensed child care fees for children under six by 25 percent as of April 1, 2022, **saving Ontario families about \$2,200 per child.** By the end of this year, fees will be reduced further, and families will see a total reduction of 50 percent on average, saving them an average of about \$6,000 per child per year. By 2026, this agreement will deliver on average \$10-a-day child care for Ontario families.

The Early Learning and Child Care system will also help kids in low-income households to grow, learn and develop, and ultimately, access a better quality of life based on better outcomes for high-school graduation, a higher likelihood of attending post-secondary education, and higher paying career and financial security. **Access to affordable and inclusive child care breaks the cycle of generational poverty and helps lift kids out of poverty.**



Enabling Women To Reach Their Full Potential

Without an Early Learning and Child Care system, women are confronted with the unfair choice between a family and career. This is why we took action. **The government's significant investment in early learning and child care is expected to result in a marked improvement in labour market participation by women with children.**

The evidence from Quebec—which began building a universal early learning and child care network in 1997—is clear. In 1997, **the women's labour force participation rate in Quebec was 4 percent lower than the rest of Canada. Today it's 4 percent higher than the rest of Canada.**

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