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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Early Years and Child Care Partners

**FROM:** Jim Grieve  
Assistant Deputy Minister

**DATE:** February 14, 2014

**SUBJECT:** **Consultation on Proposed Regulatory Changes to the Day Nurseries Act**

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On December 18, 2013, the Ministry of Education posted a consultation document on the Ontario Regulatory Registry seeking public input on proposed changes to Regulation 262 under the *Day Nurseries Act* (DNA)

I am writing to encourage you, if you have not already done so, to send your advice and feedback on proposed regulatory changes to the DNA by February 28, 2014.

The consultation document and information about submitting your feedback is available at:  
<http://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postingId=14762&language=en>

We have already received a great deal of advice from across the province. I'd like to thank those of you who have shared your insights and feedback. As practitioners, educators, administrators and partners, you play a critical role in guiding decisions that support a more responsive, high-quality and accessible child care and early years system.

To date, we have heard a range of views on the proposed changes. Many of you support the proposed amendments concerning health and safety and quality programming. We have also heard that the proposed amendments about age groupings and ratios could have a significant impact on the sector; and that there is a need to balance access to child care options for families and flexibility for child care operators, with the quality of programs and services.

I would like to emphasize that no decisions have been made regarding the proposed changes. Your advice is crucial so that any potential changes reflect the needs of operators, children and families. This process is a reflection of our continued commitment to actively engage with our partners throughout the sector, as we have always done, and I strongly encourage you to submit your feedback by the February 28, 2014 deadline and share any alternative approaches you feel the government should consider.

Following the deadline, we will assess all the feedback received, and I look forward to future discussions with you on modernizing the child care and early years system in Ontario. I will keep you informed of any decisions and changes to the DNA that may be made in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Grieve". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "G".

Jim Grieve  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
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