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MEMORANDUM TO: [Chiefs of First Nations with Child Care Contracts]
[Child Care Administrators]

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SUBJECT: Update on 2011-12 Child Care Contract Management and
Financial Reporting Process

On March 31, 2011 the Ministry of Education (EDU) provided you with information regarding your 2011-12 child care funding allocation and details about your new Child Care Advisor. At that time we also indicated we would be engaging with you to seek your advice on opportunities to implement more streamlined and reduced reporting practices as well as modest improvements to child care business practices where feasible.

Since April, Child Care Advisors have begun developing relationships with our First Nations partners. As part of that, they have had the opportunity to speak with some of you regarding the 2011-12 contract management and financial reporting process including: reporting frequency and criteria; financial reporting system; and reporting timelines. It is our goal to reduce reporting requirements for you while ensuring appropriate accountability mechanisms are in place. Child Care Advisors will continue engaging with you over the next short while to provide all 57 affected First Nations with the opportunity to provide advice on how to achieve this goal.

In addition, we anticipate providing you with your 2011-12 child care service contract in the very near future and will be looking to have the contracts finalized before the end of the summer.

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Your Child Care Advisor will be available to answer any questions you may have about your contract.

We recognize that some of EDU's processes will be new to you. We want to assure you that support will be available to you throughout this process. Additionally, information will be forthcoming about your new Financial Analyst who will be situated within the Financial Analysis and Accountability Branch of the Elementary/Secondary Business and Finance Division. Your new Financial Analyst and Child Care Advisor will be working closely together to ensure seamless support on matters related to child care program management, contract management and financial reporting.

Should you have any questions about this memo, please contact your Child Care Advisor directly.

Thank you,



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