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Dear Board Chairs,

I am writing to inform you that the government has made amendments to the two full-day kindergarten (FDK) regulations under the *Education Act* to support the full rollout of FDK for September 2014.

Since the introduction of FDK in September 2010, these regulations under the *Education Act* have been amended annually to address adjustments to rollout plans. With the full rollout of the program in mind, the amended regulations provide clarity for boards, parents, and families by addressing situations where, for example, it would be impractical to offer the program.

These amendments align with long-standing school board policies around program and school attendance and will ensure that every four- and five-year-old will have access to the program, while also giving school boards the flexibility to meet local community needs.

This builds on the extensive and unprecedented efforts of the ministry, school boards, municipalities, child care operators and other partners to bring the benefits of FDK to all of Ontario's four- and five-year olds as of next September.

The amending regulations are attached and will be available shortly on the E-Laws website: www.e-laws.gov.on.ca

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to early years and child care programs and services in Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liz Sandals".

Liz Sandals
Minister