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Hon. Dr. Margaret MacDiarmid
Minister of Education
PO Box 9045, Station Prov. Govt.
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Dear Minister MacDiarmid:

Re: Child Care Minor Capital Funding

We are aware that the non-profit child care providers in Vancouver schools are facing a reduction in the minor capital funding available under the Ministry of Children and Family Development's Child Care Capital Funding Program. Whereas providers could previously apply for a maximum of \$5,000 (or \$10,000 for sites with multiple group licenses), the maximum was reduced to \$2,000 in early August. We would appreciate your assistance in having the minor capital funding fully reinstated.

The minor capital funds are intended to help licensed group child care providers meet provincial licensing requirements by upgrading or repairing existing facilities, replacing equipment and furnishings, or assisting with moving costs. As the Minister of State for Child Care noted in her January 2009 document Child Care in British Columbia, "the quality of care children receive from parents, child care providers and community programs is critical to ensuring success in school and later in life". We support the Capital Funding Program's objective to assist licensed non-profit providers in meeting health, safety and quality standards, and thus request that the minor capital funding be fully reinstated.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'P Bacchus'.

Patti Bacchus
Chairperson

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