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MEMORANDUM TO: Chiefs of First Nations with Child Care Agreements and Licensed Child Care Programs
Child Care Administrators

FROM: Julia Danos
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DATE: February 23, 2017

SUBJECT: 2017-18 Child Care Health and Safety Funding

The Ministry of Education recognizes the need to address health and safety pressures while balancing service providers' responsibility to comply with health and safety requirements under the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014* (CCEYA). Since 2011-12, First Nations with child care funding agreements and on-reserve licensed child care programs have been able to submit health and safety funding requests to the ministry.

We are happy to provide you with the attached 2017-18 Health and Safety Funding Request form. As usual, we encourage First Nations to submit 2017-18 project requests as soon as possible. Early submission of requests may allow funding for approved projects to be included in your 2017-18 child care agreements without the need for in-year amendments and earlier approvals may allow construction to take place over the summer months. The ministry will continue to accept requests throughout the year.

Details regarding the ministry's health and safety funding process can be found in the *2016-17 Ontario Child Care Business Practice, Service and Funding Guideline*. Existing processes, described on pages 24 through 29, will continue to apply.

Please complete the enclosed 2017-18 Request Form to apply for health and safety funding and include all supporting documentation, such as inspection reports and quotes, with the application. Please contact your Child Care Advisor directly if you have any questions or concerns regarding this memo and the enclosed materials.

We look forward to a continued collaborative relationship with our First Nation partners.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

2017-18 Health and Safety Funding Request Form

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