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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief Administrative Officers, CMSMs and DSSABs
General Managers/Commissioners, CMSMs and DSSABs
Children's Service Managers, CMSMs and DSSABs

FROM: Julia Danos
Director, Programs and Service Integration Branch
Early Years and Child Care Division
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DATE: February 20, 2018

SUBJECT: Fee Stabilization Support Funding Update

I am writing today to provide an update on Fee Stabilization Support Funding, first announced in October 2017.

In response to concerns that increasing operating pressures may lead to increases in parental fees in licensed child care, the ministry will provide an additional \$37.5 million from April to December 2018 to Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSMs) and District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSABs) for Fee Stabilization Support Funding to support improving wages for the licensed child care workforce, affordability for families and to address potential fee increases. This is a continuation of the \$12.5 million in funding that was allocated for January-March 2018. Fee Stabilization Support Funding allocations for all CMSMs and DSSABs are listed in Appendix A.

Fee Stabilization Support Funding is made available to increase hourly wages of staff in licensed centres and licensed home child care agencies earning less than \$14 per hour (excluding wage enhancement), as of December 31, 2017. The new investment does not require service system manager cost sharing and includes administration funding to support implementation.

The additional funding for this initiative will be provided to CMSMs and DSSABs in their amended 2018 child care service agreement package, which will be released in the near future. Child care licensees will also receive a communication from the ministry on this additional investment.

The need for improved wages and compensation for the early years and child care workforce was a recurring theme heard through the ministry's province-wide consultation over the fall 2016 and winter 2017. A key priority of the [Renewed Early Years and Child Care Policy Framework](#) is the development of an early years workforce strategy.

As we move to give families immediate relief on the cost of child care, Ontario's Renewed Early Years and Child Care Policy Framework will enhance access, affordability, quality and responsiveness of Ontario's early learning and child care programs in the near term and beyond.

We appreciate and value your ongoing partnership as we continue to transform the child care system across the province.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Appendix A: 2018 Fee Stabilization Support Allocations

CMSM/DSSAB	April - December 2018 Allocations
The Corporation of the City of Brantford	321,901
The City of Cornwall	184,108
The City of Greater Sudbury	488,241
The City of Hamilton	1,501,822
The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes	128,069
The Corporation of the City of Kingston	424,213
The Corporation of the City of London	1,325,888
The City of Ottawa	3,282,121
The Corporation of the City of Peterborough	302,339
The Corporation of the City of St. Thomas	199,376
The Corporation of the City of Stratford	111,759
The City of Toronto	8,305,104
The Corporation of the City of Windsor	910,792
The Corporation of the County of Bruce	145,788
The Corporation of the County of Dufferin	128,947
The Corporation of the County of Grey	218,470
The Corporation of the County of Hastings	244,454
The Corporation of the County of Huron	138,295
The Corporation of the County of Lambton	322,285
The County of Lanark	148,309
The County of Lennox and Addington	93,474
The Corporation of the County of Northumberland	128,477
The County of Oxford	147,623
The County of Renfrew	180,161
The Corporation of the County of Simcoe	1,032,373
The County of Wellington	393,733
The District Municipality of Muskoka	86,750
The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent	224,709
The Corporation of Norfolk County	150,906
The Regional Municipality of Durham	1,976,485
The Regional Municipality of Halton	2,295,060
The Regional Municipality of Niagara	896,369
The Regional Municipality of Peel	3,681,171
The Regional Municipality of Waterloo	1,420,528
The Regional Municipality of York	4,152,198
The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	233,475
The United Counties of Prescott and Russell	316,360
The Algoma District Social Services Administration Board	73,381
The District of Cochrane Social Services Administration Board	168,493
The District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board	307,569
The District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board	48,983
The District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board	173,003
The District of Timiskaming Social Services Administrations Board	117,275

The Kenora District Services Board	43,311
The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board	65,577
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The Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board	33,401
The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board	244,223
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