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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
Director
Programs and Service Integration Branch
Early Years and Child Care Division

DATE: March 26, 2018

SUBJECT: 2018-19 Child Care Health and Safety Funding

The Ministry of Education (the ministry) is writing to provide information on the 2018-19 Child Care Health and Safety funding for First Nations. The ministry recognizes the importance of addressing health and safety pressures while balancing a licensee's responsibilities 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 funding requests to the ministry to address health and safety pressures.

We are happy to provide you with the attached 2018-19 Health and Safety Funding Request form (Request Form). We encourage First Nations to submit 2018-19 project requests by **April 26, 2018**. This will allow funding for approved projects to be included in your 2018-19 child care agreements without the need for in-year amendments.

The ministry will continue to accept requests after April 12, 2018; however, earlier approvals will allow projects to take place over the spring and summer months.

Health and safety funding is flowed in a two-step process:

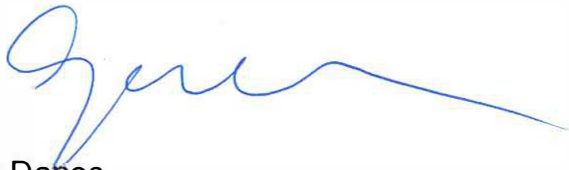
- **Step 1:** Upon approval and submission of your signed service agreement to the ministry, the ministry will flow the first payment to your First Nation.
- **Step 2:** Following the completion of the approved health and safety projects, it is required that a health and safety attestation form is submitted to the ministry in order to issue the second payment.

First Nations must spend approved 2018-19 health and safety funding by **March 31st, 2019**. Details regarding the ministry's health and safety funding process can be found in the *2017-18 Ontario Child Care Business Practice, Service and Funding Guideline*. Existing processes as described on pages 37 through 42, will continue to apply.

Please complete the enclosed 2018-19 Request Form to apply for health and safety funding application and include all supporting documentation, such as inspection reports and quotes, and send to tpa.edu.earlylearning@ontario.ca. Please contact your Early Years 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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Director
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Early Years and Child Care Division

Enclosures:

2018-19 Health and Safety Funding Request Form

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