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Memorandum to: Directors of Education
School Authorities

From: Nancy Naylor
Deputy Minister of Education

Subject: Education Sector Eligibility for Emergency Child Care

Thank you for your continued support for students, families and staff during this challenging and uncertain time.

As you know, the Ministry of Education is supporting emergency child care for families of front-line workers to help support their child care needs in regions of the province where elementary schools are closed for in-person learning. On January 9, 2021 the Minister of Education announced expanded eligibility for emergency child care to include:

- A staff member of a school as defined in the *Education Act* who provides in-person instruction at a school to pupils with special education needs who cannot be accommodated through remote learning.
- A staff member of a school as defined in the *Education Act* who supports in-person instruction at a school to pupils with special education needs who cannot be accommodated through remote learning, such as instructional support, custodial, administration staff and other staff that ensure school settings are sanitary and safe for staff and students.

I am writing to inform you of further changes to eligibility announced by the Minister today. Effective January 27, 2021, in addition to previously announced eligibility, the following will be eligible for subsidized emergency child care:

- A staff member of a school as defined in the *Education Act* who: provides or supports the provision of in-person instruction in a school that is permitted to provide in-person instruction; and has a child who is enrolled at a school that is not permitted to provide in-person teaching or instruction and who is not receiving in-person teaching or instruction.

Those who are eligible for this program and are in need of this support can contact their regional Consolidated Service System Manager (CMSM) or District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB). Contact information can be found [here](#).

The Ministry will continue to monitor the operation of this program and provide updates on any changes to eligibility, as the circumstance evolves.

Thank you for the ongoing partnership as we have worked to keep schools safe and contribute to stopping the province-wide spread of COVID-19 during this time.

Sincerely,

Nancy Naylor
Deputy Minister

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