



**MINISTER
OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING**

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Dear Parent / Caregiver:

I am pleased to share that, as announced by Premier Heather Stefanson on March 3, 2023, the Manitoba government in partnership with the Government of Canada, is reducing child care fees, making child care more affordable for Manitobans.

As a parent of a child enrolled in an infant, nursery or preschool program, at a funded child care facility, you will pay \$10 a day per child for regular hours of care. Fees are also being reduced to \$10 a day for school-age children attending three periods per day (before school, lunch and after school).

Starting April 2, 2023, your child care facility will begin to charge the new rates. You do not have to take any action to receive the new rate. If your facility has collected fees in advance for April, they will be asked to reconcile those fees as soon as possible. Please note that the child care subsidy fees will continue to apply for families whose fees are already less than \$10 per day. No one receiving child care subsidy will have their child care costs increased as a result of this change.

Under the Canada-Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care Agreements, we are committed to making child care more affordable, accessible, high-quality, and inclusive. We know that parents, caregivers and communities rely on high-quality early learning and child care, and that is why we are making other investments, including 23,000 new early learning and child care spaces across Manitoba, higher wages for our early learning and child care workforce, the expansion of Early Childhood Educator (ECE) training programs and tuition reimbursement for eligible ECEs.

For more information about the \$10 a day child care plan, visit:
www.manitoba.ca/10aday.

Sincerely,

Wayne Ewasko