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Mr. Bill Fisch
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Dear Mr. ^{Bill}Fisch:

I'm pleased to inform you of an important step the province is taking to support Ontario's system of early learning and child care.

The 2007 Budget announced that the government would enhance funding for current child care programs by \$25 million in 2007-08, and by an additional \$25 million in 2008-09, for a total increase of \$50 million annually.

This year, \$23 million of the additional \$25 million will be invested to provide approximately 3,000 more fee subsidies for licensed child care in communities across the province to make it easier for families to access affordable, quality child care. The remaining \$2 million will support new francophone child care spaces in schools.

To that end, I'm pleased to advise that the Regional Municipality of York will receive an allocation of \$1,585,600 in additional funding for fee subsidies. This investment will be provided at 100% provincial funding as we are waiving cost-sharing pressures from municipal partners. Ministry officials will be contacting you shortly with details relating to how this allocation will be flowed.

I'd like to thank you for your ongoing partnership and shared commitment to Best Start. I look forward to our further collaboration as we continue to improve Ontario's system of early learning and care.

Sincerely,

Deb Matthews

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Minister