

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kindergarten Owner/Operators
Sonya Corrigan, Executive Director - Early Childhood Development Association
Lynn Hogan, President - Early Learning Operators of PEI,
Janice Ployer, Chair - Child Care Facilities Board

FROM: Carolyn Simpson, Provincial Kindergarten Program Administrator

DATE: August 21st, 2006

SUBJECT: Funding to New Kindergarten Programs/Policy Change

Effective July 21, 2006 any new applications to operate and receive funding for kindergarten from the Department of Education must meet the following criteria:

- a) The Department of Education is satisfied that there is an unmet need for kindergarten spaces in the area; and
- b) that public funding be conditional upon a minimum of 10 children being registered in the program.

This policy change does not affect existing kindergarten programs operating prior to July 21, 2006. The current minimum number of 6 still applies to existing programs.

Should you have any questions regarding this policy change do not hesitate to contact me at 902-569-7526 or cesimpson@edu.pe.ca.

Carolyn

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