



Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning

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To: Directors/Owners/Operators of Licenced Early Learning and Child Care Facilities
Board of Directors of Licenced Early Learning and Child Care Centres
Superintendents of School Divisions
Principals of Funded Independent School
Directors of First Nations Education Authorities

Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to proclaim the week of April 26 to May 2, 2026, as the 35th annual Week of the Early Childhood Educator to acknowledge the outstanding professionals who are committed to the care and education of Manitoba's children in licensed early learning and child care centers, nursery schools, and family child care homes.

This annual proclamation highlights the vital role Early Childhood Educators play in fostering foundational child development and learning, and in preparing our youngest citizens to reach their full potential. It allows Manitobans the opportunity to celebrate all the dedicated individuals who have chosen careers in the early learning and child care sector.

Early Childhood Educators understand the critical importance of building meaningful connections with children and families through their education and training in child development and their knowledge and experience with preparing enriching and engaging indoor and outdoor early learning environments. Through this important work, Manitoba's Early Childhood Educators are critical to advancing the Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning's vision across Manitoba, all children and youth have the right to belong, be respected, be successful and be safe.

Please join me in celebrating the annual Week of the Early Childhood Educator by taking time to reflect and recognize the invaluable role that Early Childhood Educators play in shaping the future of children and youth in Manitoba.

On behalf of the Manitoba government, I extend my sincere appreciation to all Early Childhood Educators. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Manitoba's children.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Honourable Tracy Schmidt

c. Manitoba Child Care Association
School Board Chairs