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Subject: Childcare Funding During Potential Teacher Job Action

Dear Families:

Alberta's government continues to support families in accessing affordable, quality childcare. We recognize that you may need full-day childcare while schools are closed in response to potential job action by teachers. To help offset these increased costs, subsidy rates for October will increase automatically for eligible children in grades 1–6 attending licensed childcare programs if the job action continues for **five or more consecutive instructional days.**

The temporary rates align with those provided during the summer months:

Income	Current School-age Subsidy Rate (Grades 1-6)	Temporary School-age Subsidy During Job Action (Grades 1-6)*	
		Facility-based	Day home and group family
$0 - $49,999	$366	$644	$516
$50,000 - $54,999	$348	$612	$490
$55,000 - $59,999	$311	$547	$439
$60,000 - $64,999	$275	$483	$387
$65,000 - $69,999	$238	$419	$335
$70,000 - $74,999	$201	$354	$284
$75,000 - $79,999	$165	$290	$232
$80,000 – 84,999	$128	$225	$181
$85,000 – 89,999	$92	$161	$129
	Current rates reflect attendance of 50+ hours	Temporary rates reflect attendance of 100+ hours.	

** School-age rates increase when five or more instructional days are lost as a result of teacher job action.*

Important note:

- Subsidy rates for children in full-time kindergarten remain unchanged as they already match the temporary increased rates that will apply to Grades 1-6 during the teacher strike.

Kindergarten-age childcare fees

Childcare providers cannot charge supplemental fees for additional hours as providers are already receiving the maximum affordability funding amount for kindergarten-age children to attend full-time (100 hours or more per month).

If a child registered as part time needs 100 or more hours of care in a month, parents may choose to update their registration to full time in circumstances such as school disruptions to reflect the need for full-time hours, provided the program has the capacity.

Families with children not eligible for affordability grant funding or attending programs that have not signed an affordability grant agreement may be charged additional fees to account for increased hours of care during job action.

If you have any questions about childcare funding, please contact the appropriate area:

For Affordability Grant Funding questions, please email CCAffordGrant@gov.ab.ca.

For Child Care Subsidy questions, please phone the Alberta Supports Contact Centre at 1-877-644-9992 or email childsubsidy@gov.ab.ca.

For any other questions, please email childcare@gov.ab.ca

Sincerely,

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