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Funding of educational childcare in subsidized child - A new way of fair and equitable funding to ensure the network's future: a first in 20 years!

QUEBEC, Feb. 23. 2016 / CNW Telbec / - The Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports, Family Minister and Minister responsible for the Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine region, Mr. Sébastien Proulx, is pleased to announce the new structure of financing of subsidized childcare. Thus, following discussions in recent weeks with the national associations of childcare or the Quebec educational childcare services for children Council (CQSGEE), the Association of private daycares in Quebec (AGPQ), the Rally of private daycares in Quebec (RGPQ) and the Quebec Association of early childhood Centres (AQCPE), the foundation for a new financing structure will be applicable from 1st April 2016. The new funding will be fair and equitable, while ensuring the sustainability, quality and safety of services provided to families in the network of educational childcare services in Quebec, in respect of government budget targets.

The new funding will provide early childhood centers (CPE) and the financial resources necessary care centers, to provide quality care, in compliance with legal and regulatory requirements of the Department, particularly in terms of ratios of children per teacher, presence of qualified educators, meals and snacks offer follows Canada's food Guide, availability of educational materials and implementation of the educational program.

The fiscal effort for the 2016-2017 year is about 120 million dollars recurring. Recall that some of this fiscal effort, or 74 million, has already been completed by the care for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

"For the first time in 20 years, the government renewed the funding structure of CPEs and subsidized day care. I welcome the openness and the efforts made by the various associations representing the CPE and garderies. Aujourd'hui we announce a stable funding framework that will ensure their budgetary predictability until 2019. Nous have reached this result thanks the leadership of our partners, the national associations of care, who worked to find solutions, in partnership with government, to ensure the sustainability of a network of educational childcare to quality child. I thank them," the Minister Sébastien Proulx said.

The new financing provides, among others:

- a separate scale for both CPE daycares that regarding direct services complying with legal and regulatory requirements;
- indexing of the grant for the purchase of foodstuffs in the light of the increase in consumer price index;
- maintaining allowances for special populations (children with disabilities and children from disadvantaged backgrounds);
- adding new benefits for small installations of 32 seats or less, in the municipalities of less than 5 000, and for part-time care;
- reclamation payments related to premises.

An allocation to facilitate the transition

To facilitate the transition to the new funding aimed at greater efficiency, a lump sum of \$ 60 million will be given to CPE and subsidized child care. It will acquire training and management tools to ensure network optimization and ensure the quality of services for children. This allocation will necessarily be used to enhance direct services to children and shall in no case be used for salary increases for network management staff. Therefore, accountability is required by the Ministry.

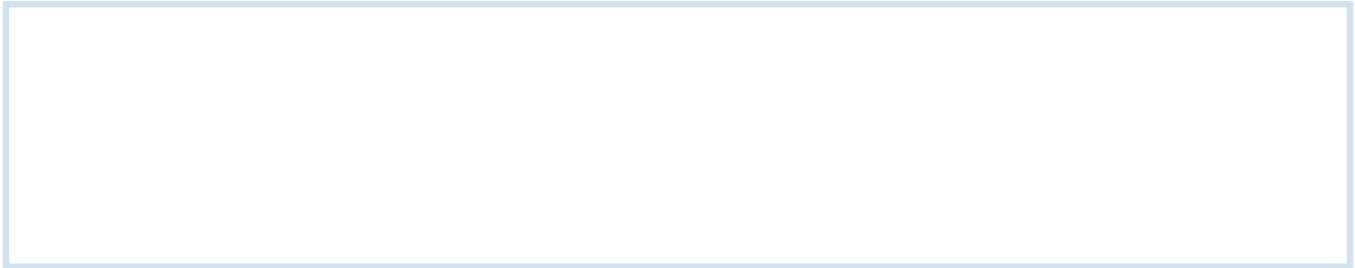
A renewed partnership

The implementation of the new funding is part of the government's willingness to offer Quebec families a generous family policy, while ensuring efficient use of public funds.

"Today's announcement is good news for Quebec families. With the collaboration of associations, all together, we materialized an agreement that will ensure adequate funding to the network enabling it to pursue its primary mission, that of providing quality care, "concluded the Minister.

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