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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 14, 2022
TO: All National Representatives
FROM: Christina Gilligan, Associate Coordinator – Child Care
RE: **Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Plan**

In March 2022, the Ontario government signed on to the Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care plan (CWELCC). But, they have once again forgotten about the workers.

We need to come together to remind them that Child Workers are Worth More.

We will be holding a rally at Queen’s Park on November 30, 2022 at 10:00 am.
Please come to show your support for child care workers. There will also be actions across the province. Please attend an action near you.

ABOUT THE WORTH MORE CAMPAIGN

We’re working with workers, child care allies, parents, and community partners across the country to pressure both provincial and federal governments to create a child care workforce strategy that respects your important contributions to families everywhere.

The government does not have a workforce strategy, despite calling for the rapid expansion of child care spaces across the province. We are on a crash course to a disastrous labour shortage—and people are leaving the sector on mass due to low wages and burnout.

The Ford government set a wage floor of \$18/hour for Early Childhood Educators (ECEs), which includes a \$16/hour base rate and the \$2.00 wage enhancement grant. **But we know that this is not nearly enough to survive on.**

So to be real, a wage floor for some ECEs in the sector, who have at minimum a two year diploma, only make \$0.50 more than minimum wage on their base salary. *There is no wage floor identified for Early Childhood Assistants who are vital to ensure safe and quality programs.*

Can’t attend an action in person? Send a letter to your MPP now at:
www.childcareworthmore.ca.

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Please share with all your locals, communities, families and friends.

In solidarity,

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