



## 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 Schools  
Directors of First Nations Education Authorities

Dear Colleagues:

I am delighted to proclaim the week of April 27 to May 3, 2025, as the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Week of the Early Childhood Educator to acknowledge the ongoing dedication to the care and education of Manitoba's youngest learners 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 setting the foundation for child development and learning, and in preparing Manitoba's youngest citizens to reach their full potential. It provides an opportunity to celebrate the committed professionals who have chosen careers in the sector.

With extensive education in brain architecture and child development, Early Childhood Educators understand the critical importance of building meaningful connections with children and families and what is required to prepare 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 that across Manitoba, children and youth from every background matter, and 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 the 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  
Minister  
Education and  
Early Childhood Learning

Attachment

c. Manitoba Child Care Association