

November 8, 2024

Dear Parent / Caregiver:

I am pleased to share that Manitoba is moving forward with real \$10-a-day child care beginning on December 8, 2024. Manitoba's Budget 2024 committed to expanding \$10-a-day child care province-wide for school-age child care on non-school days, and the Budget has now been passed.

Parents of children who are enrolled in school-age programs at funded child care facilities will pay a maximum of \$10-a-day per child for regular hours of care (4 to 10 hours) on in-service days, as well as during winter, spring and summer school breaks.

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning is providing funded child care facilities with additional grant funding to ensure the reduced parent fees do not affect their revenue.

You do not have to submit an application or take any further action for the \$10 a day fee to come into effect. Starting December 8, 2024, your child care facility will begin to charge the new rates. If your facility already collected fees in advance for December, they will be asked to reconcile those fees as soon as possible.

The Child Care Subsidy Program continues to be available for eligible families to ensure that cost is not a barrier to quality early learning child care. Manitoba families currently receiving child care subsidy will be automatically reassessed based on the new rates. For more information about the Child Care Subsidy Program, please visit: https://www.gov.mb.ca/education/childcare/families/childcare_subsidies.html.

The Manitoba government is committed to expanding access to affordable, high-quality and inclusive early learning and child care. We know investments in the early years supports healthy children, families, and communities.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by Tracy Schmidt

Honourable Tracy Schmidt Acting Minister