



May 18, 2018

Mr. Dwayne Evans
CAO
Township of North Huron
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Re: 2018 General Operating Grant Increase – North Huron Children's Centre

The Ministry of Education in collaboration with the County of Huron are dedicated to *Ontario's Renewed Early Years and Child Care Policy Framework*. As a result we are committed to increasing access to early years and child care programs for parents and children across Huron County.

In 2018, we are pleased to offer an increase in the General Operating Grant in the amount of **\$57,025.20**. This funding will be added to your monthly GOG commencing July 2018.

This additional GOG funding supports access and affordability for parents with the intent to sustain child care operations in Huron and provide for the provision of stable, predictable child care operations within our communities. This funding is to replace parent rate increases and assist with your forecasting, planning and active recruitment and retention of qualified staff.

The following criteria applies:

- No parent rate increases before September 2019. At that time please notify the County of your intent prior to notifying parents.
- Aim to operate daily at licensed capacity.
- Collaborate with the County of Huron on the promotion of child care in Huron and fee subsidy availability.
- Utilize and promote the **OneHSN** waitlist platform. OneHSN data and reports are essential for planning system wide.
- Provide training opportunities for staff and where necessary, back fill staff to provide stable programming.

If you have any questions regarding this increased funding or wish to discuss its uses, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


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