



March 24, 2026

Christy Fennell
Superintendent
The Board of Education of School District No. 59 (Peace River South)
11600 7th Street
Dawson Creek BC V1G 4R8

Dear Christy Fennell:

Re: Child Care Capital Funding Program
ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund
Agreement #C2454060013017

I am writing in response to your request for additional funding to support the completion of your ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund project #13017, located at 11311 13A Street, Dawson Creek, BC, V1G 3X8. The ministry has completed its review of the information submitted by your organization that outlines the factors and circumstances on which your request is based and following letter outlines the Ministry's response and related next steps.

The New Spaces Fund recognizes the unprecedented challenges encountered by many organizations building new community infrastructure across BC since 2019. It is not uncommon for projects to experience delays and cost escalations, including projects in the child care sector.

In recent communication with the ministry, you have clearly identified the challenges and additional costs experienced and expected by your project. To demonstrate that all possible measures to manage costs had been undertaken, the ministry requested you consider cost management strategies including accessing contingency funds, seeking out other funding sources where available, potential savings in design features or construction materials and a value engineering assessment. We recognize your efforts and acknowledge you have worked with the ministry to address and reduce cost pressures as much as possible. Thank you for engaging in the review process and the submission of additional documentation for review.

The ministry is satisfied that you have undertaken all available opportunities to manage escalations and your project is at risk of completion without additional funding. As such,

your request for \$2,947,085.00 has been approved. As a result, the Funding Agreement, with an updated payment schedule, will be sent to you, and can be signed and returned, electronically. **Approval of this funding does not create any expectation or commitment, on behalf of the Province, to any additional funding for this project in the future.**

As per section 10.2 of your Funding Agreement, any additional cost escalations incurred during the remainder of your project will be the responsibility of your organization. Additionally, as per section 19.2 of the agreement, you will provide the Province with 14 business days advance notice of any planned communication or media interviews in relation to this additional funding and will not proceed with such planned communication without written approval from the Province.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or your Funding Agreement, please direct them to cccf@gov.bc.ca, Attn: Service Delivery Manager, Funding Models and Capital Grants Branch or toll-free at 1-888-338-6622 (option 5).

Thank you for your continued commitment to creating new child care spaces in your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kristina McKay', written in a cursive style.

Kristina McKay

Service Delivery Manager
Funding Models and Capital Grants Branch
Child Care Programs & Policy Division
Ministry of Education and Child Care