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TO: Chiefs of First Nations with Child and Family Program Agreements

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DATE: October 28, 2026

SUBJECT: **2026-27 First Nations Child and Family Program Incremental Funding Allocations**

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in supporting children and families in First Nations communities through culturally relevant child and family programs.

We are pleased to provide information on incremental funding allocations for First Nations Child and Family Programs for 2026-27. The ministry is providing an additional **$2.14 million** across the province to support these programs and recognize their vital role in delivering culturally relevant early years services that foster healthy child development, support families, and create opportunities for children to connect with their culture and language from an early age.

This additional funding is intended to help First Nations Child and Family Programs respond to rising operating costs and support the continued delivery of high-quality services for children and families in First Nations communities.

The attached amended 2026-27 transfer payment agreement reflects your community's updated allocation for First Nations Child and Family Programs for the current fiscal year.

The additional funding has been added to your existing Child and Family Program allocation and will be flowed through your transfer payment agreement accordingly, based on payment terms currently in place.

Please note, the amended schedules in the transfer payment agreement replace the existing schedules for the applicable period and no signature is required. All other terms and conditions of the transfer payment agreement remain unchanged. Please retain the attached amended transfer payment agreement.

If you have questions regarding your allocation or payments, please contact your Financial Analyst. Information regarding ministry contacts is available on the Ministry of Education's funding webpage. For program related inquiries, please continue to use the Early Years Support Request platform.

Thank you for your continued commitment to supporting children and families in First Nations communities.

Sincerely,

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