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To the Editor:

Introducing junior kindergarten in Alberta without a broader framework of early childhood education and care (child care) services will only deepen the fragmentation of programs now available in Alberta and across Canada. Currently, most programs only meet minimum licensing requirements let alone increased standards that enhance overall quality and are often not readily accessible, affordable or available for the average family with young children.

While we note that the Alberta child care community is the first province in Canada to develop an accreditation system for child care, we continue to hope that the Alberta government will consult widely with community partners, parents and providers to develop a range of quality programs which better reflect the needs of Alberta's children and parents today. Policy makers in Alberta need to realize that junior kindergarten may be part of a child care framework but it doesn't take the place of a comprehensive child care system!

We look forward to a dynamic dialogue regarding child care strategies in Alberta in the next few months. Let's talk more about the needs of children and their parents in today's world.

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