



CCAAC Responds to Toronto Star Article

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To the Editor:

Excitement followed by disappointment describes our response to your headline "Child Care to get \$1.5B Boost".

While we applaud additional funds for the National Child Benefit, we believe every child deserves access to a quality, regulated, not for profit, public child care system in Canada. Such a system will require far more than 500 million over 5 years. In fact, the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada supports the recently released government report setting out a framework for child care with timelines and accountability requirements and a budget of 10.9 billion over the next 4 years.

It is encouraging to see the federal government's recognition of the importance of child care in today's society and to see the developing spirit of cooperation with the provinces and territories.

Now we need to translate the talk into action!

Sincerely,

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