



Letter to Educators

Hello everyone,

Last year, private daycares received half of the government funding needed to cover the indexation of pay scales. In addition, the government did not provide the amount covering the rising cost of living for other expenses such as food, energy etc. According to information we obtained, the government has no intention of properly indexing your wages for the year beginning April 1st, 2011. Daycares face a severe lack of funding. Moreover, the difference between available resources in private daycares and CPEs is now at a totally unacceptable level.

Did you know that each year, a CPE with 80 places gets nearly \$200,000 in financing and tax incentives (tax exemptions) more than a private daycare of the same size, even if they both must meet the same laws and regulations? Did you know that a baby in a CPE receives \$6.90 more per day than a baby in a private daycare? Only for the costs of care and education, a child over 18 months receives \$3.30 more per day in a CPE than in a private daycare.

Is the educational staff in a CPE better than you? We think not. What justifies such a difference for our parents and our children? You are not second-rate citizens; you deserve a better treatment from the government. We cannot accept this kind of discrimination from the government that should treat all citizens fairly and equally.

Budget restrictions also affect the educational staff in CPEs and we lament this. These cuts in our network and the chronic underfunding really hurt us, our flexibility is increasingly limited. We fear that this could have an adverse effect on our service offering. Our goal and our mission consist in providing high quality childcare and we refuse to compromise on this principle.

Several daycare centers (and CPEs) are waiting to see the government's response before making salary adjustments this year. We ask that you be patient, your support is crucial. To reason with the government, all options are evaluated to assert our rights and yours. Let's work together!

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