



## **Report of the day of pressure tactics to Wednesday, June 5**

Dear Parents,

For several days, the discussions between the Association des garderies privées du Québec (AGPQ) and the Family Minister, Nicole Léger, have been at a deadlock. Therefore, last Wednesday, when thousands of people were walking the streets of Montreal, we asked her to appoint a mediator to restore communication.

We are still awaiting her decision. For this reason, and to give her time to appoint someone to this position should she accept, we have no choice but to postpone our pressure tactics planned for Thursday, May 30, to Wednesday, June 5.

Since its inception, the AGPQ has always sought other tactics to avoid closing its facilities. Indeed, the network of private daycares used this leverage for the first time in its history last Wednesday.

Following meetings held this weekend at our annual convention, we will not close our daycares on Wednesday, June 5. Instead, we ask you to keep your children with you as a sign of support. Your support is essential to show the Minister your solidarity with your daycare.

To better plan this day, we ask you to confirm if you will be present or not with your daycare's management to determine how many children will attend the daycare. Of course, those who simply cannot keep their children can bring them to the daycare. However, it is very important to get mobilized now to counter the government's ideological fury and to preserve the sustainability of our facilities. Moreover, we invite parent committees to write a letter of support stating that in solidarity, parents will not send their children to the daycare on Wednesday, June 5.

With less children at the daycare, the groups will be rearranged to release several educators. Starting at 11 am, the latter will rally in front of the National Assembly, in Québec City. Participants are invited to picnic up to 1 pm. We invite you to join us in Québec City. Confirm with your daycare's management.

We are forced to do so because this anti-democratic government imposes severe sanctions with which we disagree. For the managers of your daycare, a \$28,000 cut is nearly the salary of an educator. You can understand that such a cut will directly and irreversibly impact on services and quality provided in a daycare. A majority of parents have told us in recent weeks that it is better to use pressure tactics for some days than suffer an interruption of services forever. We have to act now.

The AGPQ Board of Directors