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Dear Mr. Kolb:

Thank you for your letter regarding the transformation of the early learning and child care system. I am pleased to provide you with a response.

I appreciate the time you have taken to share the joint report of the Commissioner of Human Services and the Commissioner of Health Services, entitled *Transforming the Early Learning and Childcare System: Ensuring Success*. As your letter highlights, the implementation of full day kindergarten is an important step in achieving an integrated Prenatal-to-12 Child and Family Services System and in ensuring success of children in Ontario.

Ontario's vision for a more integrated early learning system is based on recommendations from Dr. Charles Pascal's report, *With Our Best Future in Mind: Implementing Early Learning in Ontario*. By bringing child care and education together under one ministry, we aim to create a more integrated system that will help smooth transitions for young children and their families.

As you may know, Dr. Charles Pascal is working as an advisor to me to develop plans for the Best Start Child and Family Centres. This will build on the work that is currently underway and will be further guided by the advice received from expert committees, both internal and external to government, as well as community meetings, consultations and online submissions. The suggestions and comments provided in your letter and the responses from families will be considered as we move forward with this work.

As you are aware, effective April 27, 2010, responsibility for child care was transferred from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services to the Ministry of Education. I note that you have also shared this report with my Cabinet colleague, the Honourable Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of Education. I trust that she will also take your comments into consideration.

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While there is much work to be done, our government continues to be committed to giving children the best possible start in life. Together, I believe we can create a genuinely integrated and more accessible system for Ontario's children and families.

Thank you again for writing and for your commitment and valuable contribution in achieving an integrated Prenatal-to-12 Child and Family Services System.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurel Broten". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laurel Broten  
Minister

c: The Honourable Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of Education



## Office of the Chair

April 21, 2011

Resolution No. 2011-246

The Honourable Laurel Broten  
Minister of Children and Youth Services  
56 Wellesley St. W., 14th Floor  
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Dear Minister Broten:

Subject: Transforming the Early Learning and Child Care System: Ensuring Success

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I am writing to advise that Peel Regional Council approved the following resolution at its meeting held on March 24, 2011:

"That the joint report of the Commissioner of Human Services and the Commissioner of Health Services, dated February 21, 2011, titled "Transforming the Early Learning and Child Care System: Ensuring Success", be received;

And further, that a copy of the subject report be sent to the Ministers of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) and Education (EDU) for their future consideration in the transformation of the Early Learning and Child Care System".

As the Service System Manager for early learning and child care, the Region of Peel fully supports the implementation of full day kindergarten as an important step in achieving an integrated Prenatal-to-12 Child and Family Service System.

Peel has embarked on a process to support the transition of four and five year olds to the education system, re-engineer the existing system to accommodate infants and toddlers and ensure the ongoing viability of stakeholders within the new vision. Successful transformation of the system will be dependant on foundational supports that include funding for system stabilization, addressing historical investment inequities and human resource planning.

The transition from the current early system to a Prenatal to 12 Child and Family Service System is both bold and ambitious. Because of the magnitude of the change and the aggressive timelines within which the change will occur it is essential that a number of system cornerstones and implementation supports are in place. These will ensure that the program goals are achieved and that the "system" remains able to assume new and changed responsibilities.

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On behalf of Regional Council, I request that you give consideration to these recommendations as you continue the transformation process.

Sincerely,



Emil Kolb  
Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer

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c: Janet Menard, Commissioner of Human Services  
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