

Supplement to: **EDUCATION POLICY & PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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Item: **Requiring Action** **Yes** **No** **For Information**

Subject: \$10aday Campaign Endorsement

Background:

Access to quality, affordable, early childhood education (child care) is vital for the benefit of children, families, women's equality, employers and communities. The BC Government is now taking important steps to increase affordability, the number of spaces, and wages and benefits available to early childhood educators.

The \$10aDay Child Care Plan proposed by the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC and the Early Childhood Educators of BC has the potential to make a real difference for BC children, families, educators and communities. It has been endorsed by more than 60 local governments, including the City of New Westminister, 100 child care organizations, and 30 school districts.

The New Westminister Board of Education recognizes the importance of quality, affordable, and accessible childcare to children and families, and is working with to expand the number of licensed child care spaces in our schools. Endorsement of the Plan is an opportunity to join with elected bodies and community partners from around the