

January 19, 2015

Dear Premier Gallant,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of December 11, 2014 and allow me to again congratulate you on the important work you do for children and families.

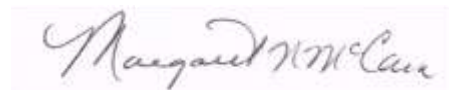
New Brunswick officials and early childhood providers can indeed take pride in the tremendous advances made in creating a consolidated platform to deliver child and family services. Evidence in Canada and internationally tells us that service access, quality and accountability are best achieved when early education and care are guided by a common framework at both the policy and local levels.

Despite fiscal challenges New Brunswick has maintained its commitment to early childhood programs, recognizing the value of investing in the future learning, health and behavior of populations. Yours is an example for all Canada and is an approach we hope you will champion with First Ministers.

The staff at the Foundation is in discussion with your officials to offer whatever support possible. Current efforts include partnering with Department officials and the Education Faculty at the University of New Brunswick to bring experts from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development to share international experiences, which may be relevant to your work.

The Margaret and Wallace McCain Family Foundation deeply appreciates our ongoing partnership. It is an alliance that has continued through three different administrations, demonstrating that the wellbeing and foundational development of children are universal concerns.

With my very best regards,



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cc. Honourable Serge Rousselle Q.C., Department of Education and Early Childhood Development