

Petition in Support of New Childcare Spaces

To the Honourable Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan in legislature assembled:

The petition of the undersigned citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly showeth:

That the NDP created 2600 new child care spaces between 2003 and November 2007, and;

That it is well-known that inadequate access to quality, affordable child care is a major roadblock for parents who want to access the labour market or to further their own education, and;

That Premier Wall has called the labour shortage a “crisis”, and;

That investment in quality child care delivers significant economic and social dividends to a region, and;

That the Sask Party government has received \$7.5 million dollars from the federal government in the 2007-2008 federal budget for the purpose of increasing child care spaces and yet, in this time of crisis, the Sask Party government is not spending the full amount on child care, and;

That the Sask Party government has billions of surplus dollars available to them, and;

That as a province we risk squandering important social and economic benefits that should be the result of a booming economy if there is not significant creation of new child care spaces, and;

That today too many Saskatchewan families are struggling or unable to find quality child care for their children, and this limits their futures in this province.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honorable Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to immediately add at least 1000 new child care spaces in Saskatchewan.

And, as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

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