

**PARENTS: Call for ACTION:**

**CITY BUDGET will see PARENT CHILD CARE FEES SKYROCKET!**

## **Affordable Child Care – is Essential for our Families**

**We Urge the City: Do NOT CUT any \$\$\$s from CHILD CARE!**

The City's finance's are in a critical state as a result of underfunding from the Province. In the City's Operating Budget (Feb, 16 2010), the Children's Services Budget includes a recommendation from Staff, that in order to find savings in their Department "the Rent subsidy Agreement with School Boards be terminated". This is will be devastating to our child care programs in schools - Parent Fees will skyrocket – Programs will be destabilized and Programs will close!

**With a fragile Child Care system already under extraordinary pressure as a result of Provincial underfunding and the new Early Learning Programs in our Schools**

**This will be the final nail in the coffin, for many child care programs**

- Parent Fees will skyrocket! City staff estimate approx \$2.00 a day (that's \$524 a year!) for full-fee paying parents. But we believe it will be FAR MORE – as much as \$3 or even \$4 per day per child
- Programs will be destabilized through vacant spaces and PROGRAMS WILL CLOSE

**We need our City Politicians to Stand Up for Child Care**

### **Stand Up for our Families**

PARENTS: Call or e-mail all the members of the BUDGET COMMITTEE over the Next Week February 23 – March 3

**Urge them : NOT TO terminate “the Rent subsidy Agreement with School Boards”!**

- Parent Fees will skyrocket!
- Programs will be destabilized through vacant spaces and PROGRAMS will close

Tell them we know that the city is in a critical state as a result of underfunding from the Province – But

**DO NOT BALANCE your budget on the backs of children and parents – it's just WRONG!**

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