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### **Make your voice heard!**

The Government of Canada is taking a unique approach to its 2021 Budget consultations by launching a [pre-budget survey](#) to get the public's feedback on what matters most to them.

We were excited to see that investing in early learning and child care (ELCC) is recognized as an option in several of the survey questions, but it is up to each respondent to prioritize ELCC in their responses.

### **That is why we are asking you to take the survey today.**

You will already know that early learning and child care is critical for Canada's post-COVID-19 recovery. ELCC will help create meaningful jobs, strengthen our economy, and create happier, healthier childhoods for the next generation.

**As a supporter, you can tell the government that early learning and child care is a priority by filling out the survey [here](#).** You can also upload a [written submission](#) to give the government your ideas on how we can build a better early learning and child care system in Canada.

*In your survey responses and submission, you may wish to tell the Federal Government what you want to see for Canada's early learning and child care system. This includes:*

- A **universal** system that supports all Canadian children;
- A **high-quality** system with qualified educators who are compensated as professionals;
- **More government funding** to create more access to early learning and child care that is responsive to community needs; and
- **Public Infrastructure** to provide accountability for public funds and ensure equitable access for all children.

The pre-budget consultation period ends on [February 19th](#) so be sure to submit your responses before the survey closes.

Together we can help create a strong, publicly funded and universally accessible early learning and child care system in Canada. Please make sure to have your voice heard today!

Regards,

Hon. Margaret Norrie McCain