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Dear Ms. Bartle and Ms. Page:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Ontario Society of Nutrition Professionals in Public Health recommending revisions to the nutrition section of the *Day Nurseries Act*. I am pleased to respond.

I understand that Schedules 1 and 2 in the *Day Nurseries Act* regulation, which outline the meal and daily food intake for children attending child care for six or more hours per day, align with the previous version of *Canada's Food Guide*. I recognize the importance of the regulation being reflective of the recommendations set out in the current guide to help support healthy nutrition for young children.

As you note, the process of amending the *Day Nurseries Act* is a significant undertaking, and we value the input of our partners in the sector. I have taken the liberty of referring your letter to the ministry's Early Learning and Child Development Branch for further discussion. Ministry staff will be in touch with you to set up a meeting to discuss your recommendations.

Thank you again for providing advice and offering your assistance in helping Ontario's children.

Yourstruly,

Laurel Broten Minister

Early Learning and Child Development Branch