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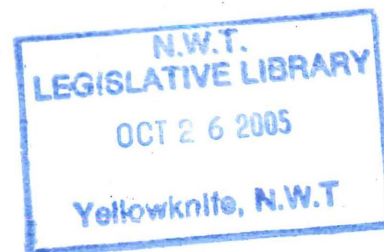
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Sent: October 21, 2005 2:29 PM
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Miltenberger /YK /EXEC; Cathy Olson /YK /LEG; Katherine
Robinson /YK /EXEC
Subject: Re: Terminaiton of Lease- Rainbow Child Care & Development
Centre

Kathy Purchase:

There is one statement in your letter that is nagging at me and must be addressed. You stated that we "failed" to open in September 2003. This was brought up at our meeting on Tuesday eveing and Tim Gauthier was corrected at that time when he used similar terms. We did not "fail" to open. We could not open because the facility dd not meet fire code. It then took 8 months to do 1 weeks worth of renovations, as you are aware because the Regional ECE and Aurora College paid for the renovations. The balance of the funds were used to jack hammer the floor and put in plumbing for a second toilet- well it covered 3/4 of the costs.

Sincerely,

Aimee Clark
President
Rainbow Child Care & Development Centre



25/10/2005



Northwest
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Ms. Aimee Clark
President
Rainbow Child Care and Development Centre
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Dear Ms. Clark:

Closure of Rainbow Child Care and Development Centre

Thank you for your e-mail of Monday, September 27, 2005, in which you indicate the Rainbow Child Care and Development Centre would close on Friday, September 30, 2005. I understand from your news release of October 13, 2005, that the Centre will be closing as of October 28, 2005.

As you are aware, the Department of Education, Culture and Employment's (ECE) Early Childhood Program provides support funding to licensed non-profit programs based on the actual attendance of children in the program. These payments are provided to programs following the quarterly submission of daily attendance records.

During our recent telephone conversation, you raised the issue of changing the manner in which early childhood programs are funded. As I indicated, the Department has no plans to change the way in which these programs are funded through the Early Childhood Program.

I understand that at this time the Rainbow Child Care and Development Centre has received all of the funding for which it is eligible from the Early Childhood Program. I encourage you to contact the Regional Office in Fort Smith should you have questions on the status of funding or reporting requirements pertinent to ECE support for the Rainbow Child Care and Development Centre.

Thank you for your input and your e-mail.

Sincerely,

Charles Dent

c. Distribution List

October 19, 2005

Aimee Clark
President
Rainbow Child Care and Development Centre Society
Fort Smith, NT

Re: Closure of daycare centre

As the Rainbow Child Care and Development Centre will be closing on October 28, 2005, Aurora College Thebacha Campus staff will require all keys to the facility from you at 5 p.m. on that day, and our lease with the society will terminate at that time on that date.

Should you require further access to the building after that point, you must be escorted by an Aurora College staff member.

As to your letter of October 18, we appreciate the information, but are well aware of the challenges our students face regarding childcare, having already helped them find care for their children when your facility failed to open in September of 2003.

The College has a proven track record of supporting our students in their search for quality child care, as is evidenced by our provision of free daycare space in the Green House in the 1990s, and in the facility which you currently occupy. We are confident we will be able to support them in overcoming any challenges resulting from your closure of the daycare, and are pleased to note that four of our students have already made satisfactory alternate arrangements.

I note that you indicate in your letter that you will sell off any daycare assets in order to cover the debt you have incurred. Please be aware that some of the materials in that building are the property of Aurora College, and that we will require a full inventory of the assets you intend to sell.

Thank you for your efforts related to the daycare.

Kathleen Purchase
Campus Director

cc: Premier Joe Handley
Hon. Charles Dent, Minister, Education, Culture and Employment
MLA Michael Miltenberger

MLA Jackson Lafferty
MLA Sandy Lee
His Worship Mayor Peter Martselos and Council
Chairperson, Aurora College Board of Governors
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Subject: Re: The Daycare

Thanks Michael,

I will post this at the daycare and let the parents/staff know. I am not sure if you saw tthe stats that I sent around - we had 99 individual children registered in our program since last Sept, 89 have come through the door in 13 months.

I don't think it is premature to have Jane come here- this community still needs a solution for daycare. The work they do is community models for childcare which includes more than just a Centre. I will scan and fax the letter from a mayor and community of 90 that did support childcare.

Barb and will write a formal letter today and send it out.

Aimee

----- Original Message -----

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Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2005 6:19 AM
Subject: The Daycare

> Good morning, I received your voicemail. The situation has not changed
> since I joined you by phone last Tuesday. The daycare has received all
> it is eligible for and there are no more extra funds forthcoming. The
> position of ECE, reiterated by the Premier in the House last Tuesday is
> unchanged. I regret I can offer you no good news. I would also suggest
> it would be premature to bring Ms. Wilson, from Rural Voices, to Fort
> Smith at this time, though I have forwarded the information to ECE for
> their consideration.
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