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TO/DEST. The Chair and Members of Regional Council

FROM/EXP. Social Services Commissioner

SUBJECT/OBJET **RESULTS OF THE REDISTRIBUTION OF SUBSIDIZED SPACES**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to inform Committee and Council of the results of the redistribution of subsidized spaces process as approved by Council on 11 March 1998.

BACKGROUND

The redistribution process approved by Committee and Council directed the Child Care Directorate to allocate the 165 spaces that were formerly floating to child care programs that met one or more of the following criteria.

1. Face closure due to economic viability because of a demonstrated lack of full fee payers in the community they serve;
2. Were affected by the redesign of children's integration services and therefore lost four spaces to this redesign;
3. Serve exclusively low income parents or other disadvantaged groups such as young single parents, or have been impacted by changing demographic needs in their community;
4. Serve francophone parents in low-income areas;
5. Are for-profit centres that have not previously been allocated many subsidized spaces but have a high need in the communities they serve;
6. Serve the aboriginal community.

The following agencies and programs have been allocated spaces:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u># Spaces</u>	<u>Criteria</u>
West End Coop	Headstart	16	Viability
Au Ballon Rouge	Preschool	4	Viability/Francophone
Au Ballon Rouge	School Age	4	Viability/Francophone
Brin De Soleil	Kindergarten	10	Viability/Francophone
Brin De Soleil	School Age	10	Viability/Francophone
Florence	Preschool	10	For Profit/Viability
ABC	Preschool	10	Viability/Community need
Aladin	Preschool	4	CISS reorganization
A to Z	Preschool	6	For Profit/geography
Brin D'herbe	School Age	3	Francophone
Churchill Carling	Preschool	6	Viability/For Profit
La Clementine	School Age	4	Francophone
Le Carrefour St. F/St. G	Kindergarten	7	Francophone
Little School	Toddler	2	Viability/Community
	Preschool	5	Viability/Community
Mothercraft	Toddler	2	Viability
	Preschool	1	Viability
Odawa	Home Child Care	11	Aboriginal
Orleans	Toddler	2	For Profit/Geography
	Kindergarten	3	For Profit/Geography
	School Age	5	For Profit/Geography
Overbrook	Preschool	4	CISS reorganization
Pineview	Preschool	8	Viability
	Kindergarten	6	Viability
	School Age	7	Viability
Rideau Valley	School Age	2	Viability
River Parkway	Preschool	4	CISS reorganization
Tupper Tots	Preschool	3	Geography
Vanier	School Age	7	Viability/Community Need
Youville	Preschool	<u>13</u>	Community Need/Viability
	TOTAL	179	

The above chart shows the breakdown of allocations including the criteria which contributed to the decision. Agencies that submitted requests were asked to provide information on their financial situation, their waiting lists, and whether they could prove demonstrated need in their community.

The above chart shows that 179 spaces were reallocated instead of the 165 that was mentioned in the report. This was made possible by the fact that many centres requested school age spaces that are less expensive than toddler and preschool spaces, therefore the funds available went further.

In order to complete the redistribution process, centres that had been using jobsOntario spaces have been asked to move these children into the first available regular subsidized spaces in order that spaces can be made available for redistribution. In many cases, programs allocated spaces currently have jobsOntario spaces and therefore do not have to make adjustments.

As mentioned throughout this process, the reallocation of spaces is not an easy process. There are simply not enough subsidies to deal with the current demand for licensed care and therefore many programs and communities have insufficient numbers of spaces. The Department is committed to continuing to explore new ways of trying to address this situation.

*Approved by
Dick Stewart*