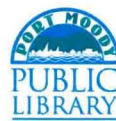


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The Communities of Anmore, Belcarra, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody agree that the Early Years are critical in the healthy development and future well-being of children in our communities.

Amongst the Following Parties:

- Fraser Health Authority (Public Health), Tri-Cities;
- Ministry of Children & Family Development, Tri-Cities;
- Board of Education, School District #43, Tri-Cities;
- Village of Anmore;
- Village of Belcarra;
- City of Coquitlam;
- City of Port Coquitlam;
- City of Port Moody;
- United Way of the Lower Mainland;
- Coquitlam Public Library
- Port Moody Public Library
- Terry Fox Library, a member of Fraser Valley Regional Library

Collectively known as the "Early Childhood Public Partners"

1. Purpose:

The purpose of this Community Accord between the Early Childhood Public Partners (ECP) is:

- To establish dialogue for a collaborative and cross-community based system of early childhood supports and services
- To continue to build family and community capacity to support early childhood development
- To encourage innovation and shared initiatives
- To encourage multi-sectoral and interdisciplinary approaches

2. The Early Childhood Public Partners Agree That:

- We respect the strengths of families and believe that communities can work in partnership with families, to enhance opportunities for healthy early childhood development
- We are committed to developing initiatives that build on existing community assets and respond to identified community needs
- We value the diversity of our community and respect different approaches to early childhood development
- We will explore innovative approaches in responding to the needs of young children, their families, and their communities
- We are committed to recognizing and acknowledging the elements that are working well for young children and their families in our communities
- A mix of universal, targeted and specialized services will contribute to the well-being of all children in the Tri-Cities

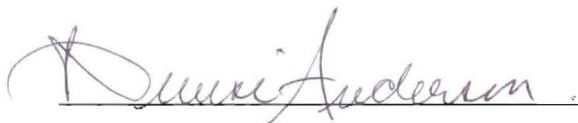
3. The role of the Early Childhood Public Partners will be to:

- Participate as able, taking into consideration capacity of their organization at any given time
- Review and build on the many examples of current shared initiatives such as public events, partnerships between agencies, municipalities and public partners
- Find ways to collaborate and complement what others are doing to support young children and their families through the examination of the supports their organization is currently providing

4. Terms and Review:

- Term of agreement is one year, with an annual review of the partnership and the Accord
- Stakeholders will meet twice a year
- In the event that a partner opts to drop out of the Accord the partner will inform the partners in writing, one month prior to terminating their membership.

Signed this 12th day of May 2011



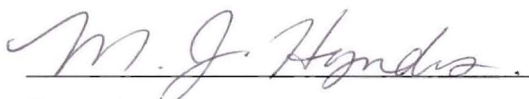
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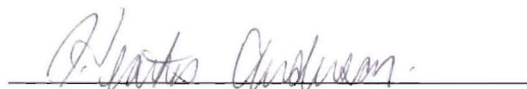
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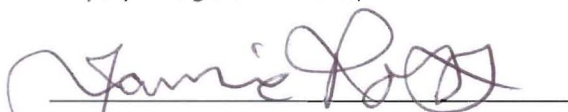
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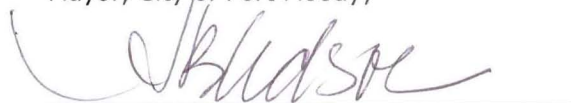
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