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Dear Service Provider

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to making Victoria the Education State. We understand the importance of quality early childhood education and care that sets children up for the rest of their lives, helping to shape their happiness, wellbeing and success.

I am pleased to announce that an in-principle Heads of Agreement has been reached for the early childhood Enterprise Bargaining Agreements. The Agreements provide greater recognition of the important role of early childhood teachers and educators and include a new dedicated salary level for Diploma qualified educators. This new salary level acknowledges the skills of Diploma qualified educators and their important contribution to the quality of early childhood education and care programs. In addition, this agreement achieves pay parity between kindergarten teachers and school teachers at entry and at the top of the scale.

The Andrews Government will provide increased funding rates from 2016 in recognition of increased salaries for early childhood teachers and educators. I have attached details of the provisional 2016 kindergarten funding rates, noting that these are contingent on finalisation of the National Partnership on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education for 2016 and 2017 with the Commonwealth.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued efforts and commitment to implementing quality reforms that are strengthening our early childhood sector and helping to give all Victorian children a strong start in life.

If you would like further information about the kindergarten funding rates, please contact your Departmental regional office on the number provided overleaf.

Yours sincerely

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## Provisional kindergarten funding rates 2016

<b>Per Capita funding rates*</b>	<b>January - June</b>	<b>July - December</b>
Independent schools ERI 1-4	<b>\$534</b>	<b>\$552</b>
Independent schools ERI 1-12	<b>\$1,733</b>	<b>\$1,791</b>

*\*Per capita funding is paid on a pro rata basis, and the table above reflects the rates per financial year*

<b>Kindergarten Fee Subsidy</b>	<b>January – December 2016</b>
Kindergarten Fee Subsidy	<b>\$1,386</b>

<b>Early Start Kindergarten</b>	<b>January - December 2016</b>
Early Start Kindergarten	<b>\$4,591</b>