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COMMITTEE AGAINST DAY CARE CUTBACKS

POSITION STATEMENT

The Committee Against Day Care Cutbacks, representing day care centres in the City of Toronto opposes the budget guidelines outlined recently by Metro Social Services. Specifically, the Committee takes the following position.

1. Existing non-Metro day care centres should be allowed to increase the number of subsidized children without restriction, as parents of these children are most in need of day care.
2. Emergency non-Metro day care centres, already in the process of setting up, should be allowed to enter into purchase of service agreements. Without these contracts, new day care centres will find it difficult, if not impossible to open, a great deal of community effort will be wasted, and most importantly, day care service for hundreds of children will be lost.
3. The expansion of Metro Day Care Centres according to the five-year plan should be a minimum expansion plan. Even the five-year plan is inadequate and any move away from this position is unacceptable.
4. The 10% ceiling on 1976 operating budgets should be removed. This arbitrary action does not take into account the varying financial problems facing existing Day Care Centres. It does, however, ensure that wages of day care workers will remain depressed in 1976.
5. Inasmuch as 80% of Metro Social Services Day Care funding comes from the Ontario Government, our opposition is directed at the Province as well as the City.

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Please pick up a petition form before you leave. Take it back to your day care centre, group, or neighbourhood, fill it up and send it to:

Premier William Davis
Prime Minister's Office
Legislative Buildings
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario

with a copy, if possible, to us at:

Box 517
Postal Station "P"
Toronto, Ontario

The ad hoc committee Against Day Care Cut-backs meets next on Monday, February 2, 1976, at **7**.30 p.m. at:

Social Planning Council
3rd Floor
185 Bloor Street East
Toronto M4W 3J3

TRY TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS AT TORONTO CITY HALL DEALING
WITH DAY CARE CUT-BACKS

* METRO COUNCIL JANUARY 27, 2.00 p.m.

* Metro Social Services and Housing Committee, January 29, 9.30 a.m.

* Public Meetings between Darcy McKeough and Metro Council, dates to be announced in the newspapers.