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Dear Erica Phipps:

Thank you for your email to Premier Wakeham regarding Healthy Environments for Learning Day. As Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, the Premier has asked that I respond on his behalf.

I value the work of CPCHE and its partners in highlighting the importance of outdoor learning and play environments in supporting children's well-being and development. As an education system we do encourage outdoor learning opportunities and activities, and our vast and beautiful province provides a lot of natural settings for this to occur. Also, a number of our 250 schools have created outdoor classrooms over the years.

The information you have shared will be forwarded to the appropriate departmental officials to inform ongoing consideration. If additional information is required, someone from the department will reach out directly.

Our Provincial Government recognizes the importance of healthy, inclusive, and sustainable environments for children and families, and welcomes continued attention to these matters.

Thank you again for your continued advocacy on behalf of children and families.

Sincerely,

HON. PAUL DINN, MHA
District of Topsail - Paradise
Minister

cc: Premier
Hon. Lela Evans
Hon. Chris Tibbs
Hon. Barry Petten