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Dear Families,

I would like to update you on the steps MCRC has taken as we continue to ensure that our commitment to children's safety at all our locations is our top priority.

As many of you know, we have been working with the Canadian Centre for Child Protection's Commit to Kids program. Our Coordinator of Compliance and Quality Assurance has taken the Commit to Kids on-line course. The course is a series of modules that increase awareness of child sexual abuse and provides strategies to help protect children in child-serving organizations.

This was an important first step towards completing an organizational risk assessment. Over the next few weeks, we will be using the Commit to Kids audit tool which will help us apply a new lens in reviewing our policies and procedures, organizational culture, programs and services, as well as the physical environments of our programs.

This audit tool will also become part of MCRC's annual operational standards review which incorporates elements of licensing, accreditation and quality compliance. I understand many of you are interested in knowing the results of this audit and the steps we will be taking in the future. I will continue to provide information as to our findings and related strategies that are developed as a result of this process.

MCRC is a multi-site, multi-service non-profit organization providing supports and services to the Milton and broader Halton community. As Executive Director, my responsibility not only lies within the walls of this organization but to the larger regional and provincial early learning and child care system. I am committed to sharing our learnings and new strategies as they arise with our system partners so that all child serving organizations become stronger and safer environments for our children.

Thank you to those who have provided words of encouragement, thoughtful insight, helpful suggestions and constructive advice. Your confidence in us and your willingness to help has been truly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director, MCRC