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Subject: Ministry of Education Encourages Feedback on Early Learning Consultation

At a recent meeting with the Deputy Minister of Education, the library community was encouraged to consider responding to a consultation paper released by the Early Childhood Learning Agency (ECLA).

The ECLA was announced in the Speech from the Throne in February 2008. It is situated within the Ministry of Education and works in close cooperation with the Ministry of Children and Family Development. It has been tasked with exploring the feasibility of expanding early learning programs in British Columbia and will report back to government decision makers by the end of 2008.

As part of this work, the ECLA has released a brief consultation paper, which asks for input on the feasibility of full-time kindergarten for five-year-olds and optional full-day pre-kindergarten for three- and four-year-olds.

The consultation paper is accessible online at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/ecla <<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/ecla>> and responses are requested by August 15, 2008. BCLTA encourages trustees to review the paper – considering any possible implications for the public library sector. Members should respond to the ECLA directly with any feedback they may have.