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## **To ECEBC Members and Staff of SFU Childcare Society**

The decision to take strike action is never made easily, especially in our sector where wages have traditionally been low to begin with.

Simon Fraser University Childcare Society has a long history of loyal supportive families and board members. Staff, board and parents have always maintained a cooperative, respectful and supportive relationship, so today to see this disconnect is very challenging. It is encouraging that so many parents have become involved and are developing an understanding of the challenges our sector faces. There is no other sector we know of that has its wages tied to user fees. The lack of public policy supporting affordability for families and quality through a living wage is wrong. Our governments are wrong to blatantly ignore these issues.

ECEBC supports the decision you have made and knows how challenged you are to stay on the picket line. We know how important the work you do is, not just to the children and families you serve but to the University and Society as a whole.

ECEBC continues to work towards a day when each of you is paid fairly for the work you do – we will not rest until that goal is attained. Know our hearts are with you in your struggle and know you are not alone.

**BE strong!**

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