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Greetings,

We are pleased to provide you with the following resources (via copy, or available on-line):

1. **The Booklet: *Getting Ready for School: A Parent's Guide***
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/healthychild/edi/gettingreadyforschool.pdf> (English)
http://www.gov.mb.ca/healthychild/edi/gettingreadyforschool_fr.pdf (French)
2. **The DVD (copy or available on-line): *A Parent's Guide to Early Childhood Development***
http://www.gov.mb.ca/healthychild/publications/Guide_ENGLISH_ext.html (English)
http://www.gov.mb.ca/healthychild/publications/Guide_FRENCH_ext.html (French)

The booklet - *Getting Ready for School: A Parent's Guide* - we trust will be a helpful resource to the families and parents in your community. This guide was designed to provide parents with ways in which they can promote the 'readiness for school' skills of their child prior to his/her entry to Kindergarten. Research tells us that children who begin school with these important 'readiness for school' skills are more likely to have future successes in learning throughout their lives. Please distribute this guide to the parents and families in your community, and also let them know that it is available on-line.

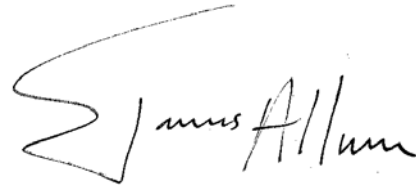
The DVD - *A Parent's Guide to Early Childhood Development* - was designed as a resource for service providers to use in their work with parents of infants and toddlers. There is much scientific research on early brain development and early childhood development, and we know that Manitoba parents want and need to have a solid understanding of this important science. Yet, we also recognize that the high literacy level of this scientific language may present a barrier to some parents accessing and using this research. With the DVD as a resource tool for you to use in educating parents on the science of early brain development and early childhood development, we know we will see this important science translated into accessible and valuable information for all of Manitoba's parents. Please use this DVD with the parents and families in your community, and also let them know that it is available on-line.

And finally, we extend our greatest appreciation for the work that you do with Manitoba's children, parents and families. Through your work and commitment, and the efforts under the Healthy Child Manitoba Strategy, together we will ensure the best possible outcomes for all of Manitoba's children. Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Chief". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Allum". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

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Enclosures