

Ruby - The Exec
recommended this
be recommended
to the general
membership

Ella

SOCIAL SERVICES EMPLOYEES' UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

LOCAL TWO

545 WEST 10 TH AVENUE, VANCOUVER, B.C.

September 20th, 1974.

HELP - WITH A PETITION TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

We are asking all Labour Organizations in British Columbia to help us in a petition we are circulating. We hope to have it all returned to us by the first week in November, in order that we can send it off to Ottawa by the 15th of that Month.

We are asking for this support to enable us to show the concern for the wages and working conditions that still prevail in some and many of the Child Care Centres in this Province.

The Regulating body of the Provincial Government requires a fairly high degree of qualification which we feel is good as it provides a safeguard against poor care for children. We feel, in most cases that the Pre-School Teachers and Day care Supervisors positions are as demanding in every way as those of an Elementary School Teacher. However, due to two basic facts, they are required to work for one half the salary. The fact they are predominately female OR the fact that they happen to care very much for the welfare of young children, SHOULD NOT BE HELD against their need for a fair, liveable wage.

In this day of single Parent families, where so much depends on justifiably having some relief during the day(In child minding duties), we honestly feel we are justified in asking the Federal Government to allow full subtraction of THE FULL AMOUNT OF FEES PAID, regardless of by whom they are paid, or how.

Since we have a "working persons" government in British Columbia, we have asked that they support us in this petition, and to work toward setting up a Wage Scale that is reasonable and just. To date, we have had no reply, but hope we receive one in time to submit it with the petition on the 15th of November, 1974.

If circulating the petition would prove too much in such a short time, we would ask you to forward a letter to us advising that the general membership were asked for a majority vote in support of this petition, and the approximate number of that membership.

Thanking you in advance for the support you may give, I remain,

yours in brotherhood,


BARGAINING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
AND EXECUTIVE MEMBER

SOCIAL SERVICES EMPLOYEES' UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

LOCAL TWO

545 WEST 10th AVENUE, VANCOUVER, B.C.

September 20th, 1974.

to: The Prime Minister of Canada,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Copies to: Appropriate Departments

PETITION - DAY CARE FEES - INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS

We the undersigned, and the signatures of the attached pages, do hereby ask the Federal Government to allow the full amount of monies paid by the parents of children (for the purpose of caring for that child away from home) to be considered a JUSTIFIABLE expense that will be allowed in the entire amount on their income tax return at the end of the year. We feel that until such allowances are made, the groups of parents charged with the responsibility of administration of the Day Cares, will be reluctant and unable to raise the deplorable wage level of the Supervisors of the Children to an acceptable level of human decency that will create some measure of stability in this field. To this end, we do willingly and without reservation affix our names, and further, do IMPLORE your sense of JUSTICE AND FAIR PLAY to prevail.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Kelland
Arlene Kelland, Chairperson

Lewis Hagen
Lewis Hagen, Bargaining Committee

Janet P. Hall
Janet Hall, Membership Committee

AND OTHERS THAT ARE INTERESTED

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>Heather MacNeil</i> | <i>Emerald Murphy</i> |
| <i>Mary Jones</i> | <i>Pat Gibson</i> |
| <i>Sharon King</i> | <i>Joan Bosar</i> |
| <i>R. Toren</i> | <i>Bonnie Olson</i> |
| <i>Emmadden</i> | <i>Wendy Gordon</i> |
| <i>J. Hand</i> | <i>Sandra Landy</i> |