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Dear OECTA Representative:

Re: Early Learning Kindergarten Program Newsletters

Enclosed in this package are the first two in a series of newsletters that should be posted prominently and made available to staff in your school. More will follow in the coming weeks. Please continue to post them and distribute them, as soon as they arrive in your school. *This package contains two newsletters.*

The government's new Early Learning Kindergarten Program (ELKP) will create approximately 1300 new OECTA teaching jobs over five years. It will also change working conditions for Kindergarten teachers that deliver the program, because when class size merits, they will work in tandem with an Early Childhood Educator (ECE).

While the program directly affects elementary teachers only, secondary teachers also have an interest in how these new working relationships are implemented and what steps are being taken to protect working conditions and jobs.

These newsletters provide background about ELKP, news about how OECTA is working to influence this initiative positively, some of the questions and concerns that teachers are raising, and possible solutions.

Sincerely,



James Ryan  
President  
OECTA