



Office of the Provincial President

TO: Ryan Carriere, Representative, Eastern Region 1

FROM: Glen McCallum, President

SUBJECT: MANDATE as Minister of Early Learning Child Care

DATE: June 18, 2026

Dear Minister Carriere,

Maarsii, thank you for agreeing to serve the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) as Minister of Early Learning Child Care. In 2025, our citizens elected a new government to stand up for our Métis citizens and to build a strong government that works for everyone. As members of this Provincial Métis Council, we must fulfill this mandate with purpose and force. We must meet a series of unprecedented challenges with a disciplined focus on core priorities. Our journey to self-determination and self-government is grounded in building a governance system that reflects our unique identity, culture, values, and languages. As representatives of this government, you must stay focused on who we are and how we build a government that reflects that. Our distinction-based plan sets the direction by creating delivery systems that are uniquely Métis while ensuring our work remains rooted in our identity as a people.

This mandate letter describes your responsibilities and priorities moving forward. As accountability and transparency are the cornerstones of good government, I am making these letters public, so all citizens are informed of how their government is working for them.

As Minister, your role is to support the President in building a Métis distinct government and advancing the implementation of our distinctions-based plan. You are not responsible for the day-to-day operations of childcare centres or individual service delivery sites. Your role will provide leadership, coordination, and strategic direction so that early learning and childcare supports are expanded, culturally grounded, accessible, and responsive to the



needs of Métis children and families across the Saskatchewan Métis Homeland.

Ministers are expected to carry out their responsibilities on behalf of the President, exercising delegated authority with accountability and transparency. A meeting process will be established to support coordinated decision-making and provide Ministers with regular opportunities to update colleagues on progress and emerging issues. Ministers will report back to the President through this process, ensuring alignment with our distinctions-based priorities.

Ministerial Responsibilities

I expect you to work constructively with all members of the PMC, MN–S staff, and citizens to deliver on the MN–S priorities. This includes advancing the collective priorities set out in our Distinctions Based Focus Plan (DBFP) which charts a Métis-distinct path forward for the MN–S government based on the priorities of Elders, citizens, and the PMC.

As Minister, you are responsible for the following areas:

- Early Learning and Childcare;
- Building and maintaining relationships with relevant federal and provincial partners, and with training and sector organizations, to support Métis-specific early learning and childcare priorities and sustainable funding;
- Providing strategic direction to improve childcare accessibility and affordability for Métis families, with attention to northern, rural, urban, and remote realities;
- Promoting safe, high-quality, and culturally grounded early learning environments, including approaches that support inclusion and accessible supports for children with differing needs;
- Working collaboratively with the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, to advance coordinated engagement with Indigenous, federal, provincial, and municipal governments;
- Regular reporting to myself as the President, MN–S, on the status of your ministerial



responsibilities.

Priorities

In addition to these collective priorities in the Distinctions-Based Focus Plan, you will have specific ministerial priorities, which are outlined below:

- Support the development of a multi-year early learning and childcare strategy that sets clear outcomes;
- Continue to work to address the deficits in childcare spaces for Métis families;
- Continue to support the establishment of MN-S Early Learning and Childcare Centres throughout the Province;
- Advocate for operational funding from the Province of Saskatchewan to support new and existing MN-S Early Learning and Childcare Centres;
- Work to enhance training opportunities for Métis early learning and childcare professionals;
- Continue to promote and encourage programs that provide Métis citizens with the opportunity to operate home-based childcare centres.
- Collaborate with relevant ministers to ensure language and identity considerations are supported in early learning settings;
- Ensure early learning environments and supports reflect Métis culture and ways of knowing, including opportunities to integrate Métis language and identity where appropriate;
- Work collaboratively with other ministers and MN-S service delivery supports (including community-based service hubs where applicable) so families can access childcare, early learning, and wraparound supports in a coordinated, culturally safe way;
- Support the President in preparing your portfolio for MN-S Self-Government



Agreement (treaty) implementation and in building a Métis distinct government.

Working Together

We must deliver for our citizens as we exercise our inherent right to self-determination, including our right of self-government. Achieving these objectives will require collaboration and coordination with other ministers, as well as working closely with the Regions, Locals, and MN-S staff.

Ministers are expected to empower and support the public service to operationalize their vision through effective planning, clear direction, and disciplined execution aligned with DBFP principles. This includes fostering a respectful, professional partnership where public servants are enabled to apply their expertise to translate priorities into actionable programs and results. Ministers will rely on the public service as a trusted team of technical experts to design, implement, and continuously improve outcomes on behalf of MN-S.

In addressing the tasks before us, we must remain true to what makes us distinct as Métis people. Our identity, culture, values, and language e: these things we must keep in mind as they direct our work. MN-S is a dynamic government that celebrates our Elders and our youth, cares for the most vulnerable among us, and strives for a better future for all citizens. If we work together, we can ensure a strong, healthy, vibrant future for all Métis in Saskatchewan.

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