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Sandy Nemeth  
191 Provencher Boulevard  
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Dear Sandy Nemeth:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of members of the Manitoba School Board Association, in which you shared your concerns regarding funding and recent inflationary pressures on Community Living Associations that support youth and adults with intellectual disabilities.

The government values the support services that these organizations deliver to youth and adults with an intellectual disability, and we recognize the importance of supporting and strengthening this important workforce.

I am pleased to share that Budget 2023 provides a historic investment of \$104-million in additional funding towards disability programming. Of this new funding, over \$101-million is dedicated to the Community Living disABILITY Services program to strengthen supports for adults with an intellectual disability, with an additional \$2-million set aside for the Children's disABILITY Services program in support of children with disabilities and their families.

With these new investments, the total annual funding commitment for disability programming in Manitoba has grown to \$640-million, representing a 19 per cent increase over the 2022/23 fiscal year.

Effective April 1, 2023, the baseline funded hourly wage rate increased to \$19 for direct service workers (DSWs) and \$20.90 for supervisors and program support staff working in the disability sector.

In addition, the rate provided to organizations for mandatory payroll deductions increased from 8.54 per cent to 9.18 per cent.

For detailed information about Budget 2023, please refer to the following website:  
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/budget2023>.

We are committed to ensuring that youth and adults with intellectual disabilities have access to high quality services in the community, and that the front-line staff who support them receive fair compensation for their efforts.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Squires', written in a cursive style.

Honourable Rochelle Squires  
Minister of Families