



*Office of the Director of Education*

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Dear Parents/Guardians, TCDSB Staff and Trustees:

In November, we shared with you the provincial announcement around the implementation of the Early Learning Program (full-day Junior and Senior Kindergarten) in Ontario elementary schools beginning in September 2010.

The Province has made a commitment to fully implement the Early Learning Program in all schools by the 2015-2016 school year. In year one, the Province will fund approximately 63 full-day kindergarten classrooms and 1,500 students across our school system.

This will further enhance the many early learning opportunities that the Toronto Catholic District School Board already provides for families with young children. These include our already vibrant half-day Kindergarten program, a very successful full-day Senior Kindergarten program offered for the past five years at seven of our schools, and services such as after-school programs, Parenting and Family Literacy Centres, Early Years Centres and Best Start Centres.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce the preliminary list of schools that is being submitted for consideration by the Ministry of Education for the first year of implementation:

Blessed John XXIII	Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha	Christ the King
D'Arcy McGee	Holy Child	Holy Cross
Holy Family	Holy Name	Immaculate Conception
James Culnan	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Precious Blood
Sacred Heart	Santa Maria	Stella Maris
St. Alphonsus	St. Angela	St. Anthony
St. Antoine Daniel	St. Barbara	St. Bede
St. Charles	St. Dunstan	St. Elizabeth Seton
St. Francis de Sales	St. Francis Xavier	St. Ignatius of Loyola
St. John Bosco	St. Kevin	St. Leo
St. Luke	St. Martha	St. Martin de Porres
St. Mary	St. Mary of the Angels	St. Maurice
St. Raymond	St. Rita	

It is expected that approximately 28 schools from the above list of 38 will be approved by the Ministry of Education. Schools that have not been approved for year one will automatically be included for year two consideration.

The Province has also requested that Boards identify schools for Year Two of the program, TCDSB has identified a preliminary list of sites for such consideration, as follows:

Botham Road (New School)	Cardinal Leger	Morningside (New School)
Father Serra	Josyf Cardinal Slipyj	Nativity of Our Lord
St. Agatha	St. Albert	St. Ambrose
St. Bernard	St. Bonaventure	St. Charles Garnier
St. Conrad	St. Joachim	St. Nicholas
St. Norbert	St. Pius X	St. Simon
St. Stephen	Sts. Cosmas and Damian	Yvonne (New School)

The Year Two sites consist primarily of schools subject to a capital construction program, and which will, subject to approval, be delivered to be compliant with the Early Learning Program.

The sites being put forward for consideration by the Province were selected using criteria provided by the Ministry of Education, and were the subject of consultation with stakeholders identified by the Ministry guidelines. The Ministry will be confirming with school boards as early as mid-January which school sites they have selected for the first year of implementation, and we will share that information with you as soon as we receive it.

The Board's website continues to be a good resource for families who would like more information about the Early Learning Program, as well as any other programs and services offered by our Board. Please visit [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) regularly to see the latest news and information.

Sincerely,



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