

## New St. Ambrose school to house elevator, upgraded play areas

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St. Ambrose Catholic School student, Christopher Arruda, checks out the plans for the new Etobicoke school at a groundbreaking ceremony June 19. Construction of the new, 398-pupil school is expected to begin this summer.

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With the demolition of their old, '50s-era school building nearly complete, the students, parents and staff of Etobicoke's St. Ambrose Catholic School gathered this week for an official groundbreaking ceremony.

Joining the St. Ambrose community Tuesday afternoon, June 19, for the construction kick-off event were special guests Laurel Broten, minister of education and Etobicoke-Lakeshore MPP, Etobicoke Trustee Ann Andrachuk, Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) Director of Education Bruce Rodrigues, and Etobicoke-Lakeshore Councillor Mark Grimes.

During the groundbreaking, students, school and board officials and politicians alike donned hard hats and shovels, and took the opportunity to check out plans for St. Ambrose's new 47,500 square-foot replacement school, designed by architects Moffat and Duncan Inc..

The new, barrier-free facility at 20 Coules Court will house 398 pupils in 18 classrooms, and will feature an elevator, classrooms located on the quieter side of the site, kindergarten classrooms with washrooms and storage facilities, a dedicated kindergarten exterior play area, student-friendly playground areas, and enhanced access to natural light and energy efficiencies.

Students and staff, who temporarily relocated to St. Veronica Catholic School site in September, will remain at the school's 30 Bank St. facility until construction of their new school is completed.

Construction of the new school is expected to be complete by September 2013.