



Office of the Director of Education

January 24, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is pleased to inform you that the Province of Ontario has just confirmed funding for the **construction of a child care centre at St. Gerald Catholic School**. The facility will include spaces for up to 10 infants (0 – 18 months of age), up to 15 toddlers (18 months – 30 months of age) and up to 24 preschool children (2.5 -3.8 years of age).

Further information will be shared with you once we have more details about the project.

The Province of Ontario is transforming the way we look at early education. At the TCDSB, we recognize the benefits of early learning which give children a stronger start in school and in life. We also value child care within our schools as a support to our families and communities.

Ontario's goal, through the Ministry of Education, is to build a child care system that is of a high quality, is seamless and accessible for all children and families. The Province is modernizing child care through a multi-year plan to enhance programs and supports for children from the ages of 0 -12. Part of this plan includes capital funding to build new child care centres to expand the number of spaces across Ontario.

Where possible, services will be located in or linked with schools.

Child care in Ontario is supported by provincial, municipal and federal government funding, as well as parent fees.

School Boards will plan and collaborate with the local Consolidated Municipal Service Manager (CMSMs) --The City of Toronto, Children's Services.

See link below for further information regarding, "Ontario's Renewed Early Years and Child Care Policy Framework, 2017":

http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/renewed_early_years_child_care_policy_framework_en.pdf

We look forward to future conversations about child care at St. Gerald Catholic School.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rory McGuckin".

Rory McGuckin
Director of Education

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