

Ontario Investing \$12 Million in New School, More Licensed Child Care in Etobicoke

Province Supporting Student and Families with Better Places to Learn

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Ontario is investing \$12 million into Etobicoke's Catholic community with a state-of-the-art new school and licensed child care centre.

Work will soon begin on the new facility, which will accommodate 500 Catholic students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8. The new school will bring together students currently attending St. Leo Catholic School and St. Louis Catholic School. Once built, the new facility will provide a modern learning environment, enhanced programming and better support for student achievement and well-being.

Families will also benefit from this investment with a new child care centre featuring three custom-built rooms resulting in 49 new licensed spaces for infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers.

This project is part of the largest investment in public infrastructure in the province's history - about \$160 billion over 12 years, which is supporting 110,000 jobs every year across the province, with projects such as roads, bridges, transit systems, schools and hospitals.

Giving students the best possible learning environment is part of the government's economic plan to build Ontario up and deliver on its number one priority — growing the economy and creating jobs. The four-part plan includes investing in talent and skills, including helping more people get and create the jobs of the future by expanding access to high-quality college and university education. The plan is also making the largest investment in public infrastructure in Ontario's history and investing in a low-carbon economy driven by innovative, high-growth, export-oriented businesses. The plan is also helping working Ontarians achieve a more secure retirement.

QUOTES

"Improving learning environments for our students is one the best infrastructure investments we can make. Our government is proud to invest in capital projects that are bringing students and communities together, reducing the cost of under-used space, and reinvesting savings back into the classroom."

— Liz Sandals, Minister of Education

"I am delighted that the St. Leo's and St. Louis' Catholic School communities in Mimico, which have long been advocating for a new facility, will receive a modern new school and licensed child care centre that will support their needs. I have closely worked with and will continue working with local parents, schools and school boards to ensure that the facilities our students need are provided".

— Peter Milczyn, MPP, Etobicoke-Lakeshore

QUICK FACTS

- Since 2003, the province has invested \$566.1 million to build 27 new schools, 57 additions and retrofits in Toronto.
- In the 2014 Ontario Budget, the province made a commitment to invest \$750 million over four years to support school capital projects that reduce excess space.
- Overall, the province has invested about \$13.5 billion in local school infrastructure, including 758 new schools and more than 735 additions and renovations since 2003.
- In April 2015, the province announced \$120 million over three years in new funding dedicated to building safe, high-quality, licensed child care spaces in schools across the province.

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