



# Ontario Building New Catholic High School in Oshawa

As part of its plan to protect Ontario and prepare students for success in our workforce, the Ontario government has provided the Durham Catholic District School Board with approval to issue the tender for the new replacement Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School to create more student spaces.

"The funding for a new replacement Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School in Oshawa is great news for our community," said the Hon. Todd McCarthy, MPP for Durham. "Through this investment, we're getting shovels in the ground to build better schools and creating opportunities for students to thrive today and well into the future."

This project is supported by a total investment of \$71,065,075 which includes additional funding of \$35.8

million. When complete, the project will deliver 1,061 new secondary student spaces for local families.

"Our government is focused on supporting students, teachers and parents while ensuring school boards are equipping our students with the tools they need to succeed," said Paul Calandra, Minister of Education. "Once completed, this project will offer an inspiring learning environment that helps students prepare for the jobs of tomorrow. Our government will continue to provide the resources students need for ultimate achievement."

Through local infrastructure projects like the one in Oshawa, the government is meeting urgent needs to address growth related to demographic changes. The investment is part of Ontario's commitment to invest about \$23 billion to support school construction,

renewal and improvement over 10 years.

"Having championed the new Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School since I was first elected as the MPP for Whitby-Oshawa, I'm proud to see the government delivering on its commitment to ensure our children have every advantage they need to succeed for generations to come," said Lorne Coe, MPP for Whitby, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence, and Security. "Our Government's investment will create more than 1,000 new student spaces, supporting families across Durham Region and ensuring students have access to modern, high-quality learning environments that prepare them for

success in the workforce of tomorrow."

"We are deeply grateful to the Government of Ontario, Minister Calandra, Minister McCarthy, and MPP Coe for their continued commitment to students and families in the Durham Region and their support of Catholic education," said Monique Forster, Chair of the Durham Catholic District School Board. "The investment in a new Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School represents an exciting step forward in providing modern, innovative learning environments where students can thrive academically, spiritu-

ally, and socially. This project reflects a shared vision for student success and student achievement."

The new Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School will be located at 1001 Greenhill Avenue in Oshawa.

- In May 2025, Ontario introduced the Supporting Children and Students Act, 2025, to strengthen the government's oversight of school board finances, governance and program performance, to ensure that every dollar invested is preparing students for success.
- Since 2018, Ontario has

provided nearly \$5 billion for major capital projects, including 169 new schools, 124 permanent additions or renovations to existing school buildings and over 9,600 new licensed child-care spaces in schools.

- For the 2025-26 school year, the province is providing \$1.4 billion to school boards for school renewal projects.
- The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023 includes measures to help maximize capital assets of boards to support building modern schools faster, and better use current school space.

## The Ford government's ban on the devices took effect Friday after a bill passed last month

The fast-tracked red-tape reduction bill that included the removal of the cameras — Bill 56, Building a More Competitive Economy Act, 2025 — passed on Thursday, Oct. 30 and received Royal Assent on Nov. 3.

"Effective Nov. 14, 2025, municipalities will no longer be permitted to issue any Provincial Offences Act tickets or administrative penalty orders for speeding offences captured using automatic speed cameras that occur on, or after, that date," Dakota Brasier, director of media relations for the transport minister's office, told INsauga.com earlier this week.

Premier Doug Ford has called the devices a "cash grab" and said that other measures would be more effective,

including large signs, speed bumps, raised crosswalks, and more.

The decision to completely ban the devices has received plenty of criticism.

Ford has said speed cameras don't work to slow drivers down — though evidence collected by municipalities and Hospital for Sick Children researchers says otherwise.

More than 20 mayors had urged Ford to tweak the program instead of scrapping it entirely, noting that the move means road safety measures in their communities will now be funded by all taxpayers instead of by drivers breaking the law by speeding.

On Thursday, the province announced one-time funding of \$210 million through the "Road Safety Initiatives Fund"

for municipalities that previously used speed cameras to implement safety measures.

That includes speed bumps, raised crosswalks, roundabouts, signage, and more police enforcement in school zones and community safety zones where speed cameras were previously used, a news release from the province said.

"Ontario has some of the safest roads in North America and our new Road Safety Initiatives Fund will build on this record by ensuring municipalities have the resources they need to implement proven traffic-calming measures without making life more expensive for drivers," Transport Minister Prabmeet Sarkaria said in a media release.



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