

Ontario Investing \$11.2 million to Build New School Addition in Courtice

COURTICE – The Ontario government is continuing to deliver on its plan to protect Ontario and ensure students have access to modern classrooms by investing \$1.6 billion in 79 school construction projects across Ontario. The investments will support growing communities by creating over 29,000 new student spaces and over 1,900 licensed child-care spaces so students have the modern learning spaces they need to succeed in their studies and prepare for indemand careers.

Locally, the province is investing \$11.2 million for a new addition at Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School to create more student spaces in a growing community. This project will, when complete, deliver 253 new secondary student spaces for local families in the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington (PVNC) Catholic District School Board. "The funding for the Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School Addition in Courtice is great news for our community," said Todd McCarthy, MPP for Durham. "Through this investment, we are getting shovels in the ground to build better schools and create more opportunities for students to thrive today and well into the future." The Capital Priorities program supports the construction of new schools, permanent additions, renovations and school purchases. This year's funding will support a combination of new school builds, expansions and retrofits across the province and is part of Ontario's commitment to provide more than \$22 billion over 10 years to support new school construction, renewal and improvements.

"Student success starts with having the right environment to learn," said Paul Calandra, Minister of Education. "We're building the schools students need, and we're making sure they get built quickly and on schedule. With stronger oversight and accountability through the Putting Student Achievement First Act, we are ensuring projects are delivered on time and focused on students, so that parents can be confident their children have the tools and opportunities they need to thrive." "As part of our government's historic capital plan, we are investing \$236 billion in critical infrastructure to build and protect Ontario," said Todd McCarthy, Acting Minister of Infrastructure. "Through these investments, we are helping deliver new and improved schools across the province to support students, local jobs and growing communities." "We are incredibly grateful to the Ministry of Education and MPP McCarthy for this significant investment in Holy Trinity Catholic

Secondary School," said Stephen O'Sullivan, PVNC Catholic Chief Executive Officer & Chief Education Officer. "As the Courtice community continues to thrive and grow, this new addition will ensure our students have access to modern, high-quality learning environments that support their academic achievements. We appreciate the province's commitment to building the infrastructure our students need to inspire, thrive and connect." - Stephen O'Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer – PVNC Catholic District School Board. Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School is located at 2260 Courtice Road in Courtice.

• In addition to the 67 projects approved for \$1.3 billion in provincial support in 2025-26, there is also an additional close to \$300 million in

funding provided through the 2026-27 program to approve 12 priority projects that are ready to proceed.

• For the 2025-26 school year, the Ministry of Education continues to provide \$1.4 billion to school boards to renew and improve schools.

• In April 2026, Ontario introduced the Putting Student Achievement First Act, 2026, that would, if passed, bring greater accountability, consistency and modernization to Ontario's education system through new and enhanced measures to further support student success. The legislation also provides the ministry with stronger tools to intervene in the capital planning process when boards are unable to deliver projects in the best interests of students and educators.



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