



## Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board

### Press Release

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**Hanover** – The Ministry of Education has announced funding for an addition to St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School Walkerton to expand the Brockton Child Care Centre.

In May of 2014 construction began on the current facility, a joint project between the Ministry of Education, the Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board (BGCSDB), Municipality of Brockton and the County of Bruce. A 4,400 square-foot addition and the renovation of two existing classrooms provided 1,272 square feet of daycare space. The Brockton Daycare Centre began operating from their new home in September 2014.



In a December 11, 2017 press release from the Ministry of Education, Premier Kathleen Wynne states “One of the biggest sources of stress young families tell me about is finding and affording quality child care ... If you can’t get child care, you don’t know when you’ll be able to go back to work. That’s not fair, and it is up to government to step up and do something about it. That’s what our plan does and why we are moving so quickly to build new child care rooms at hundreds of schools all over Ontario.”

The latest announcement will see BGCSDB receive \$1,058,758 from the Ministry of Education to build two additional classrooms to support a toddler room and a preschool room. The addition will create 39 additional spaces.

The funding is part of Ontario’s plan to create 45,000 new licensed child care spaces in schools, communities and other public spaces by funding almost 500 new child care rooms at 188 schools across the province. As a result of this investment, more than 8,400 children and their families will gain access to high-quality licensed care in a safe, convenient setting. In addition, the province is increasing operating funding and subsidies to help more children aged 0-4 years access quality child care.

Bruce-Grey CDSB is very pleased to continue and expand our partnership with the Brockton Child Care Centre, and demonstrate our mission to “ensure quality learning experiences through community partnerships”.



Planning and construction will commence in 2018, with completion projected for 2019.