

HURON-BRUCE



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Additional Child Care Spaces coming to Walkerton

Province Approves two new rooms, 39 spaces at St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Elementary School

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Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson has announced that the provincial government has given approval to tender a \$1 million addition to St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Elementary School in Walkerton.

The project will add two new child care rooms with 39 new child care spaces to the school. Thompson said the announcement is part of the province's ongoing capital investment program. Last month the MPP announced the government had given approval to tender up to \$567,000 for an additional child care room in Exeter Elementary School to accommodate 15 new child care spaces there.

"In my travels across the riding I hear from families about the wait lists for child care services," Thompson said. "I am very pleased our government continues to demonstrate our commitment to families in Huron-Bruce and across Ontario so these projects can move ahead. I know the demand is there and I've seen first hand the benefits of offering child care on location at an elementary school in other communities across Ontario. I am confident that families in the Exeter and now Walkerton areas will be well served through this provincial investment."

"From modernizing our curriculum to revitalizing our classrooms and their facilities, we are investing in our students and giving them every tool to achieve their full potential," said Education Minister Stephen Lecce. "Our financing of the addition to St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Elementary School further demonstrates our government's historic investment in capital projects."

Quick Facts:

- The Ford Government announced in Budget 2019 that over the next ten years, Ontario is investing nearly \$13 billion in capital grants, including

allocating over \$500M this year alone to improve classrooms for our children.

- The Ministry of Education is currently accepting submissions from school boards for their top 10 school-based capital priorities for funding consideration as well as support for the expansion of childcare spaces.
- The Ministry reviews all Capital Priorities submissions for eligibility and announces successful projects annually

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