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**Ford Government Building New Child Care Spaces in Brantford**  
*Province Approves Child Care Addition to Our Lady of Providence Catholic School*

**NEWS**

**BRANTFORD** - Ontario's government is protecting what matters most by investing in local schools and new child care spaces.

The province has provided Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board with approval to tender a child care addition to Our Lady of Providence Catholic School. The \$1.7 million investment will add a new, quality learning environment for the children of Brantford. This project is part of the province's capital investment program to build more child care spaces for Ontario's families.

"The funding for this child care addition to Our Lady of Providence Catholic School is great news for our community," said Will Bouma, MPP for Brantford-Brant. "This investment will provide choice and flexibility for families and new opportunities for the children of Brantford."

"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 child care addition to Our Lady of Providence CS further demonstrates our government's historic investment in Ontario's schools and child cares, as well as our overall commitment to supporting our students and families."

"We are very pleased to have received confirmation from the Ministry of Education of funding for the Our Lady of Providence child care space addition," said Rick Petrella, Chair of the Board. "The additional space will provide our growing Catholic community the opportunity for more children to transition seamlessly from early years to kindergarten. It will help foster engagement and belonging in our students and families, and we are excited to work with our municipal and provincial stakeholders on this project that serves the needs of our community."

Our Lady of Providence CS is located at 55 Kent Road, Brantford.

Highlights of the child care addition include:

- 49 new licensed child care spaces.
- 3 new child care rooms.

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