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Ford Government Building New Child Care Spaces in Chatham

Province Invests \$2.1 million for Child Care Addition to Indian Creek Road Public School

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The Ontario Government is investing up to \$1 billion to create up to 30,000 new child care spaces in schools over the next five years.

The province has given Lambton Kent District School Board approval to tender a child care addition to Indian Creek Road Public School. The \$2.1M investment will add a new, quality learning environment for the students of Chatham. 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 Indian Creek Road Public School is great news for our community," said Rick Nicholls, MPP for Chatham-Kent-Leamington. "This investment will provide choice and flexibility for families and new opportunities for the children of Chatham."

Province wide, 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 for new schools, additions and major renovations.

"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 this child care addition in Chatham 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 greatly appreciate the investment of the Government of Ontario to support local families through a new child care addition at Indian Creek Road Public School," said Lambton Kent District School Board Director Jane Bryce. "The Lambton Kent District School Board and community partners will continue to work together to support families with their child care needs and facilitate a successful transition to school."

Highlights of the child care addition include 49 new child care spaces and 3 new child care rooms.



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This massive investment will build new schools and help existing schools after a decade of closures and maintenance backlog that began during the McGuinty-Wynne governments. Ontario is also providing school boards with a historic \$1.4 billion in funding to renew and maintain existing schools. This funding could be used to replace aging heating or air conditioning systems, repair roofs and windows, and install important accessibility features like elevators and ramps.

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