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# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Niagara Catholic Celebrates New School Announcement in Beamsville

The Niagara Catholic District School Board is growing.

This morning, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce joined Niagara West MPP Sam Oosterhoff to announce \$10.1 million in funding for a new school in Beamsville.

The school will be located on Greenlane, near Ontario Street.

During the announcement, both Minister Lecce and MPP Oosterhoff noted the importance of Catholic education in the community, and of providing students in Niagara with schools that have modern infrastructure to promote 21<sup>st</sup> century learning.

Board Chair Larry Huibers, Lincoln/West Lincoln/Pelham trustee Leanne Prince and Director of Education Camillo Cipriano thanked the Minister for the funding for the new school, which will alleviate pressure on St. Mark Catholic Elementary School, which is currently over capacity.

“The new Catholic elementary school announced here today will provide welcome relief for St. Mark, which is bursting at the seams, and will be a welcome addition to the area not only for the families who already call west Niagara home, but for families in the area for the years to come,” said Chair Huibers.

Director Cipriano said he looks forward to seeing work begin on the new school, and hopes to see it completed in time for the start of the 2024-2025 school year, if not sooner.

“I am delighted to be at St. Mark Catholic Elementary School this morning for this good news event that will benefit families in Beamsville for many years to come,” he said. “Today’s announcement is the first step in a process that will see us design and name the new school, celebrate a groundbreaking and eventually, the opening and blessing, and I look forward to every step of the process as we look forward to a new Catholic elementary school in Beamsville.”