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Niagara Catholic to build \$14M Catholic elementary school

The Ministry of Education has announced \$14 million in funding to the Niagara Catholic District School Board to build a new Catholic elementary school in south Niagara Falls.

The new school will provide 363 pupil spaces in a modern, state-of-the-art learning facility. It includes three dedicated kindergarten classrooms, 12 regular classrooms, a special education room, library, gymnasium, and office.

This investment recognizes the significant growth in development in south Niagara Falls, reaffirms the provincial government's commitment to publicly funded Catholic education, and the recognizes the importance of ensuring students to attend schools in modern, efficient buildings that meet the needs of 21st century learners.

The announcement was made on Wednesday, May 22, by Niagara-West MPP Sam Oosterhoff, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Sport, at the site of the new school at the intersection of Kalar and McLeod Roads in Niagara Falls. Mr. Oosterhoff was joined by Director of Education Camillo Cipriano, Chair of the Board Danny Di Lorenzo, Domenic Massi, Superintendent for the Saint Michael and Saint Paul Catholic High School families of schools, Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent for the Denis Morris and Holy Cross Catholic Secondary family of schools, Controller of Facilities Services Clark Euale, Niagara Falls trustees Joe Bruzzese and Jim Marino, and Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati for the announcement. Lou Stranges, Principal of Saint Michael Catholic High School, Jay Lennox, Principal of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School, and students from his school were also in attendance.

"This funding to build a new elementary school in Niagara Falls is great news for our community," said Sam Oosterhoff, MPP for Niagara West. "This local investment will ensure families and students have access to a quality learning environment in the years ahead."

Danny Di Lorenzo, Chair of the Board, thanked the Ministry of Education for funding the new south Niagara Falls school.

"We are extremely grateful to the Minister of Education for recognizing the need for a new Catholic elementary school in south Niagara Falls," said Danny Di Lorenzo, Chair of the Niagara Catholic District Board. "This part of Niagara continues to experience a surge in growth, which we see in the student population increases at some of our nearby Catholic elementary schools and Saint Michael Catholic High School. A new Catholic elementary school will ease enrollment pressures at these schools, hopefully allowing more students to attend school closer to home."

Director of Education Camillo Cipriano called it a "great news announcement" for Niagara Catholic and residents in the community.

"This is a great news announcement for Niagara Catholic and for the residents in south Niagara Falls who will soon have a new school," said Director Cipriano. "The houses being built in this area are ideal homes for young families and that means an increased need for schools. Niagara Catholic is a growing board, and we know that as demographics in the area continue to evolve, there will be families searching for Catholic education for their children. We look forward to opening a new school which will service Catholic students for generations to come."

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