

## Ontario Investing \$9 Million to Expand Windsor Schools

*Province Supporting Student Achievement and Well-Being with Better Places to Learn*

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Ontario is investing \$9 million into the Windsor area with four brand new, state-of-the-art additions to local schools.

Work will begin in 2016 on a new gymnasium for Assumption College Catholic High School as well as accompanying renovations. Nearby, St. James Catholic School will receive additions to expand its capacity. These projects, totalling \$3.1 million, will accommodate students arriving from the closure of St. John Catholic Elementary School.

A new gymnasium and renovations will be added to Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School. Renovations will also take place at St. Louis Catholic Elementary School. The \$4.5 million expansion of Cardinal Carter and St. Louis will accommodate students from Queen of Peace Catholic Elementary School.

Lastly, Stella Maris Catholic Elementary School will receive a \$1.8 million addition to welcome students from St. Bernard Catholic Elementary School.

These projects are part of the largest investment in public infrastructure in the province's history — about \$160 billion over 12 years, which is supporting 110,000 jobs every year across the province, with projects such as roads, bridges, transit systems, schools and hospitals.

Giving students the best possible learning environment is part of the government's economic plan to build Ontario up and deliver on its number one priority — growing the economy and creating jobs. The four-part plan includes investing in talent and skills, including helping more people get and create the jobs of the future by expanding access to high-quality college and university education. The plan is also making the largest investment in public infrastructure in Ontario's history and investing in a low-carbon economy driven by innovative, high-growth, export-oriented businesses. The plan is also helping working Ontarians achieve a more secure retirement.

### QUOTES

“Congratulations to the Windsor community on this important investment. By building up our schools we are giving more students the enhanced learning environment they need while supporting local jobs and strengthening the economy. Our government is proud to invest in capital projects that are bringing students and communities together.”

— Liz Sandals, Minister of Education

### QUICK FACTS

- Since 2003, the province has invested \$261 million to build 13 new schools, 19 additions and retrofits in the Windsor region.
- In the 2014 Ontario Budget, the province made a commitment to invest \$750 million over four years to support school capital projects that reduce excess space.
- Overall, the province has invested about \$13.5 billion in local school infrastructure, including 758 new schools and more than 735 additions and renovations since 2003.

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