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TVDSB to open more child care centres and EarlyON Child and Family Centres

More than 300 licensed child care spaces for families are slated for construction at Thames Valley schools as part of a \$1.6-billion investment by the Ministry of Education over the next five years to increase access for 100,000 more children birth – 4 years in licensed child care spaces across Ontario.

In addition to creating access to thousands of new licensed child care spaces across the province, the Ministry of Education is also investing funding to support the creation of 100 additional EarlyON Child and Family Centre locations over the next three years.

As part of the Ministry's "schools-first" approach to building child care centres and child and family centres in schools, TVDSB has been approved for funding to build new child care centres and EarlyON Child and Family Centres at the following schools:

River Heights Public School, Dorchester: This \$3.75-million project includes child care spaces for 10 infants, 30 toddlers, and 48 preschoolers. The project will also include an EarlyON Child and Family Centre, where families will benefit from programs and services that promote early learning and development, provide information about other community programs/services and referrals to specialized services. Children will have access to play and inquiry-based learning opportunities. Both the child care centre and EarlyON Child and Family Centre are anticipated to open by September 2019. The operator(s)' contact information will be provided as it becomes available at www.tvdsb.ca/childcare

Aldborough Public School, Rodney: This \$3.1-million project includes child care spaces for 10 infants, 15 toddlers, and 24 preschoolers. The project will also include an EarlyON Child and Family Centre, where families will benefit from programs and services that promote early learning and development and provide referrals to specialized services. Children will have access to play and inquiry-based learning opportunities. Both the child care centre and EarlyON Child and Family Centre are anticipated to open by September 2019. The operator(s)' contact information will be provided as it becomes available at www.tvdsb.ca/childcare

Algonquin Public School, Woodstock: This \$1-million project includes child care spaces for 10 infants and 24 preschoolers as an addition to the existing Good Beginnings Day Nursery – Algonquin Child Care. The child care centre is anticipated to open in the 2019-20 school year.

Harrisfield Public School, Ingersoll: This \$1.5-million project includes child care spaces for 10 infants, 15 toddlers, and 24 preschoolers. The child care centre is anticipated to open in the 2019-20 school year. The operator(s)' contact information will be provided as it becomes available at www.tvdsb.ca/childcare

New Southeast London Public School, London: MPP Deb Matthew's recent announcement of funding for a new southeast London school included funding to build a child care centre for 88 children. More information will be posted as it becomes available at www.tvdsb.ca/childcare

In Ontario, Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSM) are the designated service system managers responsible for managing child care and EarlyON Child and Family Centres across the province. The CMSMs in the County of Oxford, St. Thomas-Elgin County, and London-Middlesex County determine the best geographical locations for families to access licensed child care and EarlyON Child and Family Centres.

Collaboratively with the CMSMs, we will continue to provide families with a seamless experience by striving to increase access to child care, before- and after-school programs, EarlyON Child and Family Centres and elementary school together in one community facility.

TVDSB wishes to acknowledge the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario for the financial support to develop these new programs and services.

For more information:

Up to date information is available on the TVDSB website at www.tvdsb.ca/childcare