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Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board and the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board Receive Funding for Child Care Centres

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North Bay, ON – The Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board (NPSC) in partnership with the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) are pleased to announce new funding from the Ministry of Education to create additional child care spaces at NPSC schools in North Bay.

The funding, totaling approximately \$3.3 million, will see two schools in North Bay expand services to include child care for children aged 0 to 4 years of age.

"The District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board is very pleased to support the planning and expansion of childcare. Centralized and seamless access to these types of services supports our children and advances economic growth within our district," said DNSSAB Chair Mark King. "The childcare expansion will improve access to child care in our District."

This announcement is part of the Province of Ontario's commitment to help 100,000 children access quality licensed child care over the next five years.

St. Francis Elementary School will see the addition of 73 new child care spaces and Mother St. Bride Elementary School will accommodate 49 new child care spaces.

"We are thrilled to work with our community partners to offer this important service," says Board Chair, Barbara McCool. "Child care facilities play an integral role in preparing children and their parents for the transition to school. We look forward to welcoming a new cohort of children and their families to our school communities," she adds.

The Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board provides high quality Catholic education to approximately 2900 students in 11 elementary schools, one secondary school, and an alternative and continuing education program. The Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board serves North Bay, West Nipissing, Mattawa, Powassan and Callander.

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