



Ontario Investing \$15.8 million to Build New School in Thessalon

Students will benefit from new, modern classrooms that prepare them for good-paying stable careers

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THESSALON – The Ontario government is continuing to deliver on its plan to protect Ontario and ensure students have access to modern classrooms by investing \$1.6 billion in 79 school construction projects across Ontario. The investments will support growing communities by creating over 29,000 new student spaces and over 1,900 licensed child care spaces so students have the modern learning spaces they need to succeed in their studies and prepare for in-demand careers.

Locally, the province is investing \$15.8 million for a new replacement Thessalon Public School to create more student spaces and child care spaces in a growing community. This project will, when complete, deliver 222 new elementary student spaces and 64 new licensed child care spaces for local families in the Algoma District School Board.

“The funding for the new replacement Thessalon Public School in Thessalon is great news for our community,” said Bill Rosenberg, MPP for Algoma—Manitoulin. “Through this investment, we’re creating opportunities for students to thrive well into the future.”

The Capital Priorities program supports the construction of new schools, permanent additions, renovations and school purchases. This year’s funding will support a combination of new school builds, expansions and retrofits across the province and is part of Ontario’s commitment to provide more than \$22 billion over 10 years to support new school construction, renewal and improvements.

“Student success starts with having the right environment to learn,” said Paul Calandra, Minister of Education. “We’re building the schools students need, and we’re making sure they get built quickly and on schedule. With stronger oversight and accountability through the *Putting Student Achievement First Act*, we are ensuring projects are delivered on time and focused on students, so that parents can be confident their children have the tools and opportunities they need to thrive.”

“As part of our government’s historic capital plan, we are investing \$236 billion in critical infrastructure to build and protect Ontario,” said Todd McCarthy, Acting Minister of Infrastructure. “Through these investments, we are helping deliver new and improved schools across the province to support students, local jobs and growing communities.”



“This is such welcome and exciting news for our students, families, the community and our many partners whose patience, commitment and unwavering advocacy have been on-going for many years. Our Board of Trustees and Senior Administration are equally excited and are most appreciative that the Ministry of Education has recognized the needs of the students and families in Thessalon and the surrounding area. The current building, over 102 years old, has presented us with maintenance challenges and has reached the end of its best utilization. We can’t wait to begin to build a new and modern facility that will best support student achievement, well-being, and accessibility, as well as provide long-term community use for many years to come. Thank you to all who have been part of this journey, we look forward to your continued partnership and to opening the doors of this new facility ... together!” Algoma District School Board Director of Education Lucia Reece.

The new Thessalon Public School will be located at 90 Stanley St. in Thessalon.

Quick Facts

- In addition to the 67 projects approved for \$1.3 billion in provincial support in 2025-26, there is also an additional close to \$300 million in funding provided through the 2026-27 program to approve 12 priority projects that are ready to proceed.
- For the 2025-26 school year, the Ministry of Education continues to provide \$1.4 billion to school boards to renew and improve schools.
- In April 2026, Ontario [introduced the Putting Student Achievement First Act, 2026](#), that would, if passed, bring greater accountability, consistency and modernization to Ontario’s education system through new and enhanced measures to further support student success. The legislation also provides the ministry with stronger tools to intervene in the capital planning process when boards are unable to deliver projects in the best interests of students and educators.