



## NEWS RELEASE

### NCDSB and CDSSAB Announce New Child Care Facility Funding Announcement for St. Joseph School

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The Northeastern Catholic District School Board (NCDSB) in partnership with Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board (CDSSAB) recently received exciting news from the Ministry of Education that their 2017-18 Early Years Capital Projects joint submission for a new Child Care Facility at St. Joseph School, in South Porcupine was approved.

The allotted funding, valued at \$2,268,787.00 will see the construction of a state of the art child care facility at St. Joseph School. This new child care center will offer infant, toddler and preschool programming for up to 49 children along with Before and After School services for school aged children. The NCDSB is excited to expand their partnership with the Timmins and Family YMCA who will operate the childcare center at St. Joseph School.

"This addition at St. Joseph School is great news for the South Porcupine community. Local families will benefit from new licensed child care that is close to home and located in a school environment. This investment gives young children a strong start in life, and supports families with access to safe, high-quality licensed child care." stated Indira Naidoo-Harris, Minister Responsible for Early Years and Child Care.



Tricia Stefanic Weltz, Director of Education commented "The Northeastern Catholic District School Board recognizes the value and importance of easily accessible early years programs and care. We are pleased to know that another one of our Catholic schools will be a place where families can access these important services and opportunities to begin their journey in life

long learning. We are thrilled to expand our partnership with the YMCA in order to better serve the needs of the community."

"The CDSSAB is very pleased that this project has been approved and families in South Porcupine will have access to high quality child care within their community. Making licensed child care more affordable and more accessible for families is part the province's five-year commitment to help 100,000 more children 0-4 access quality licensed child care over the next five years." stated Beth Nowak, Children's Services Manager for CDSSAB.



The Northeastern Catholic District School Board would like to thank the Ministry of Education for enabling us to enhance our childcare partnerships to benefit the children and families in our community.

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