

More money for early education [CA-SK] ^[1]

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Moose Jaw was the site of an announcement about pre-kindergarten by the Saskatchewan Party government.

"We want the best possible start in life for the children of Saskatchewan," said Education Minister Ken Krawetz at Sacred Heart School on Tuesday.

The Education minister was talking about the expansion of the province's pre-kindergarten program and child care sector to improve the learning environments for children.

The government has invested an additional \$2 million this year and increased the number of programs by 38, bringing the total number in the province to 193 serving over 3,000 children.

With these investments, 600 more children will be able to benefit from the pre-kindergarten experience across the province.

In Moose Jaw about \$155,000 will be distributed to 12 licensed child care facilities, which will include the YMCA, M.J. College Daycare and the Southwest Daycare centre among others.

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The minister made the announcement in Moose Jaw as two boards of education, the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Separate School Division and Prairie South School Division will both receive over \$20,000 to enhance the learning environment of pre-kindergartens.

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The programs provide children with developmentally appropriate programming that focuses on fostering social development and self esteem, along with educational growth, promoting language development and engaging families.

"We support the efforts of teachers and parents. The programming activities were created to meet family needs. We have to take care of our children, they are the future," said Krawetz.

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