

# West Island parents hoping for good news about local daycares <sup>[1]</sup>

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## EXCERPTS:

Parents on the West Island are hoping for some much needed good news about daycares.

The city of Dollard-des-Ormeaux has given the go ahead to build two new publicly funded daycares. Now formal approval from the Quebec government is needed to make it happen.

Two daycares, CPE Dollard and CPE Les Bois Verts, are planning to expand and build new facilities but even that won't be enough to meet growing demand. Young families in the West Island are putting a premium on daycare spaces.

While each daycare will open facilities to house about eighty new kids - the director of Les Bois Verts has a waiting list of 500 children. And CPE Dollard director says she would need to open five new facilities to meet the demands on the West Island.

"It's at a daily basis. We get phone calls, emails wanting to place their children on a waiting list. Our waiting list is over 500 and I feel like we're offering false hope," Sara Maiorano says of CPE of Les Bois Verts.

"There's constantly, probably about six people a day that drop by our door trying to get into the center," says Julie McBain of CPE Dollard.

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