

Province funding new construction for day-care spaces ^[1]

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The Manitoba government today announced a \$9-million construction program to create an additional 250 day-care spaces at five schools.

The schools are located in Winnipeg, St. Andrews and Oak Lake.

The announcement includes:

- 74 more spaces in an expansion of Cairns Children's Centre in École R.H.G. Bonnycastle School in the Waverley Heights area of Winnipeg. The child-care centre is expected to receive about \$2.5 million in provincial capital support with work planned to start this spring.
- 64 new spaces at a new early learning and child-care centre to be added to Highbury School in south Winnipeg. The new spaces will be created with capital funding of more than \$2.2 million. Construction is expected to begin this spring.
- 40 new spaces at St. Andrews Child Care, a new centre located next to St. Andrews School in St. Andrews. The new construction is being funded with a commitment of almost \$2 million in capital support, and construction is expected to be complete by the spring of 2015.
- 20 new spaces with the establishment of a new child-care centre program at Oak Lake Community School in Oak Lake. A facility constructed next to the school is receiving about \$640,000 in provincial capital support with construction beginning in the next few weeks.
- As many as 74 spaces to be created with about \$2 million in new capital support as part of an addition to École Tache, operated by at Le P'tit Bonheur.

Provincial legislation now requires child-care centres to be included in schools whenever a new school is built or is undergoing major renovations.

Manitoba has nearly 32,500 licensed child-care spaces for infant, preschool and school-age children including those with additional support needs.

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