

Full-day Kindergarten Announced For More Catholic Schools

Full-day kindergarten will give Ontario's four- and five-year-olds a strong foundation on their learning. It will be offered in 5 local schools in September 2010, growing to 7 in 2011.

Schools hosting Full-day Kindergarten are as follows:

2010

- St. Paul Catholic Elementary School, Peterborough
- St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School, Port Hope
- St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School, Bowmanville
- St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, Lindsay
- Pope John Paul II Catholic Elementary School, Lindsay

2011

- St. Joseph's Catholic Elementary School, Cobourg
- St. Alphonsus Catholic Elementary School, Peterborough

For more information about the program, visit Ontario.ca/EarlyLearning or pvnccdsb.on.ca.

In full-day kindergarten classrooms, teachers and early childhood educators (ECEs) will work together to help children learn and grow during the regular school day. Together, they will blend learning and play throughout the day.

Registered ECEs will also be responsible for optional before- and after-school programs that parents can choose to enrol their child in.

A reasonable fee for these programs will be determined locally by your local school board. It will be approved at a regular board meeting that is open to the public. Check your board's website or talk to your principal for more information.

Subsidies will be available for some families, based on financial need. They will be determined using the current eligibility requirements for child care subsidies.

Ontario is investing in the education of our youngest students to better prepare them for future success. Full-day kindergarten will improve their reading, writing and math skills, provide a smoother transition to Grade 1, help more students achieve success at school, and help create a stronger economy for the future.

For more information about this government initiative, including questions and answers for parents, visit www.Ontario.ca/EarlyLearning or contact your local school or Communication Services at the PVNC Catholic District School Board www.pvnccdsb.on.ca (705) 748-4861 Ext. 245.