

Jennifer Adams - Director of Education & Secretary of the Board

This week, the OCDSB received great news about capital funding which will enable the construction of one new school and four major additions and renovation projects. In total the Ministry approved \$47.9 million of capital funding for the OCDSB. These projects will provide modernized learning spaces that will enhance student learning with the additions at Mutchmor Public School, South March Public School, Earl of March Secondary School and Longfields-Davidson Heights Secondary School and a much needed school in Kanata North.

I'd like to express my thanks to our parents and in particular parents in those school communities that have been actively involved in accommodation reviews, boundary consultations and facility renewal discussions over the past several years. Your input was critical to the development of the list of capital priorities and will ensure our schools have the capacity they need for all students, particularly as we move to FDK across the district.

This funding came not a moment too soon as we turn our minds to kindergarten registration. As a parent, I know all too well how exciting and how stressful sending your young children off to school for the first time can be. Our kindergarten program provides children with learning activities that takes into account their physical, intellectual, social, and emotional needs. While the official [Kindergarten Registration](#) Week is January 28th - February 1st, 2013, you can visit your local school to register anytime. Our school administrative staff are always available to answer your questions and concerns.

We will have Full Day Kindergarten for 4 and 5 year olds in 76 schools this fall. In addition, the extended day program will be available in those locations for students in kindergarten to age 12. These programs are led by registered Early Childhood Educators who provide recreational and social opportunities for children before and after school. Students can also take time to work on homework.

In the coming weeks, I will continue to provide updates on our labour relations situation, but also look forward to sharing information about the [Parent Engagement Committee](#), the upcoming [Elementary Alternative Program Market Demand Survey](#) and more of the exciting initiatives that are happening across our district.

As always, keep an eye on our website and social media (Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and LinkedIn) for news about upcoming events, program choices, consultations and much more! If you have any comments, concerns or questions do not hesitate to email me at director@ocdsb.ca.

Sincerely,

Jennifer