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New Funding for Mother Teresa Catholic School

Russell, ON – The Mother Teresa Catholic School community is celebrating after an announcement from the provincial government of new funding to expand the school.

M.P.P. for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, Jean-Marc Lalonde, on behalf of Minister of Education, Kathleen Wynne, announced funding of \$725,000. The grant falls under the Prohibitive to Repair (PTR) portfolio and applies to the Mother Teresa Catholic School Annex, a separate building from the school.

Currently, the Annex is being used by the school to house Grade 1 and 2 students.

The new funding will be added to \$1.1 million from the Board's Primary Class Size (PCS) allocation. The project will see the demolition of the current annex, and the construction of a permanent four classroom addition to the school.

Trustee for Prescott County and Russell County, Sue Wilson, stated, "The Mother Teresa Catholic School community here in Russell will finally be housed under one roof, something we have wanted for a long time. Moving students into one building will allow for a stronger, tighter-knit community, further strengthening the ties between home school and parish."

Board Chair, Ronald Eamer, said, "We are so pleased with the way Catholic education has developed in Russell in recent years with the addition of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School and now this new funding. We are very grateful to the Ministry for the enhancements this expansion will provide for this school, its students and greater Catholic community."

Director of Education, Bill Gartland, said the already strong programs at the school can only be enhanced by the expansion. "The Catholic community is going to have a greater opportunity to increase the interaction between all students and staff. That interaction can only enhance the already outstanding progress the school has made in student success."

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The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario operates 40 elementary and 10 secondary schools across 8 counties. The CDSBEO offers excellence in Catholic education through provincial-leading programs to approximately 15,000 students.

Attached Photo:

Mother Teresa 1 .jpg – Pictured (left to right): Superintendent of Education Jane McMillan, Superintendent of Business Gordon Greffe, Director of Education Bill Gartland, M.P.P for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell Jean-Marc Lalonde, Board Chair Ronald Eamer, Prescott County and Russell County Trustee Sue Wilson, Mother Teresa Principal David Guertin, Vice-Principal Eva McHenry, and Catholic School Council Chair Patricia Clement.

