

NEWS RELEASE FROM THE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

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Catholic High Schools in Russell and Kemptville Receive Provincial Funding for Expansion

Kemptville, ON – At a news conference held Monday, June 15, 2009, Member of Provincial Parliament for Glengarry, Prescott and Russell, Jean-Marc Lalonde, announced the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario will be receiving funding to construct a significant addition to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School in Russell.

In a news release from Mr. Lalonde's office, the Member of Provincial Parliament states, "As part of a \$500 million province-wide investment, the government is providing funds to address the accommodation needs for local students. The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario will receive \$5.9 million to build a new addition at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School in Russell."

In a separate announcement, the Ministry of Education informed the Board that St. Michael Catholic High School in Kemptville will be receiving \$10.6 million for a significant addition.

Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland, said, "I am absolutely delighted that the Ministry has provided funding to improve the facilities to meet the needs of our growing communities. We know that these additions to our school facilities will ensure that our students continue to receive quality Catholic education in the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario."

The funding allows the Catholic school communities in Russell and Kemptville to continue to grow, while offering students state-of-the-art learning environments. Board Chairperson, Ron Eamer stated, "Funding announcements of this sort enhance our students' secondary school learning experiences. Improving our facilities to meet the needs of our students is a top priority and we are grateful the Ministry has agreed by providing this funding."

For more information, please contact CDSBEO Communications Officer Bob Perreault at 613-258-7757 or 1-800-443-4562 ext. 206 or 613-859-0678 (mobile).

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.

Included Photos: CDSBEO1 – Pictured from left to right: St. Thomas Aquinas CHS Principal, Richard James, Ministry of Education Officer, Phillip O'Brien, CDSBEO Associate Director of Education, Gordon Greffe, MPP for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, Jean-Marc Lalonde, Trustee for Prescott and Russell Counties, Sue Wilson, Superintendent of Education, Marg Shea-Lawrence, St. Thomas Aquinas CHS Grade 12 Student, Tyler Lovenuk, St. Thomas Aquinas CHS Vice Principal, Ralph Sharples

