

## Province announces new elementary school in Mayfield West

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Construction on a new elementary school in Mayfield West will begin in 2025.

On May 31, Ontario's Minister of Education Stephen Lecce visited Alcoa Public School to announce construction on a \$32 million elementary school would begin in 2025, with a targeted completion date of 2027.

Lecce was joined for the announcement by other dignitaries, including Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, Caledon's Peel District School Board (PDSB) trustee Stan Cameron, PDSB director of education Rashmi Swarup, Caledon's Regional Councillor for Wards 1, 2 and 3 Christina Early, and Caledon's Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen.

Lecce said he was proud to announce the new school and said his government has been taking many steps to build schools rapidly. He said the new school is a great investment in the Caledon community.

"We are on a roll, we're doing this together and this couldn't have been done if we didn't have a partner in Caledon and in caucus who believes firmly in public education," said Lecce.

Jones said the new school will make a positive impact on kids in the area and make sure kids have an amazing place to learn and prepare for adulthood. She said Lecce is a tireless advocate for education and young students in Ontario.

Swarup said she was thrilled to mark another milestone in Caledon.

"On behalf of the Peel District School Board, I want to express my sincere gratitude to the Government of Ontario for contributing to the growth of this thriving community, to this new school build," said Swarup. "I can't stress enough how incredible this news is for the students and parents of the flourishing Mayfield West community."

The new school will create space for 850 students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

"With this new school, Peel students will have access to a learning environment that nurtures creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, well-being, and excellence in all learning areas? this building will also include affordable childcare space for families," said Swarup.

Swarup said she and the Caledon community look forward to the day they can celebrate the opening of the school.

Cameron said the new school will serve the area west of Highway 10, east of Chinguacousy Road, north of Mayfield Road, and south of greenbelt lands in Caledon.

"This is a very exciting time not just for the Peel board but for the Town of Caledon? the small villages we have here are going to be very well-served by this announcement," said Cameron. "Thank you, Minister Lecce and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Jones for this funding approval and announcement today? creating a new school here will be welcome news for our children, families and staff. The important inclusion of child care spaces for infants, toddlers and preschool children will measurably help many of our families."