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NEW SCHOOL COMING TO SEVEN OAKS

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Premier Brian Pallister and Education and Training Minister Ian Wishart recently announced more details about a new dual-track kindergarten to Grade 5 school for students, families and educators in the Seven Oaks School Division.

“Families across the province have been saying for years that construction of new schools is a priority,” said Pallister during a celebration at the future school site. “We are listening and we are building seven new schools in Manitoba, including one right here in Seven Oaks, because we know it’s long overdue. That’s the highest number of new schools to be built in Manitoba in such a short period of time ever.”

The new 56,423-sq.-ft. school will be constructed on Templeton Avenue east of Pipeline Road. It will be built for 450 students with the ability to expand to a capacity of 600.

Over the past year, the province has committed to spend more than \$200 million to build seven new schools and repair, maintain and upgrade dozens of existing schools across Manitoba. The new builds include two high schools and five elementary schools.

ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT

The Organ and Tissue Donation Task Force, a non-partisan task force appointed to conduct an inquiry and make recommendations with respect to improving the rate of organ and tissue donation in Manitoba, has tabled their 26-page report in the Manitoba Legislature.

Chaired by Brandon West MLA Reg Helwer, the task force recommends increasing awareness towards organ and tissue donation by adding it to the high-school curriculum, launching promotional campaigns, and studying the feasibility of early detection surveillance.

“Given my family’s personal experience with kidney transplants, chairing this Taskforce has been very rewarding and allowed me to see the issues from different perspectives,” said Helwer. “I am very encouraged by the progress that Manitoba has made with organ and tissue donations and these recommendations will further improve that.”

To read the full report, [click here](#).

MANITOBA INVESTS IN CHILD PROTECTION CENTRE

The Manitoba government is providing \$424,000 toward a new pilot project at Winnipeg's Child Protection Centre (CPC), to increase the number of medical and specialized assessments for children who are newly apprehended or at risk of coming into care of Child and Family Services, Families Minister Scott Fielding announced this week.

"The Child Protection Centre is an integral component of the child welfare system and supports our goal of preserving care within a child's family and community," said Fielding. "This pilot creates better outcomes for children and families through more timely and comprehensive assessments that will lead to early intervention and speed up referral to services and supports within days, rather than months."

Additional resources will allow more assessments to be completed at the CPC, located at the Health Sciences Centre. CPC is expected to provide more than 2,000 medical assessments a year, as well as significantly increase interdisciplinary case consultations, the minister noted. Social workers use the information collected in this process to develop long-term case plans, which include appropriate services and supports for children and youth.

The increased funding for this pilot project, expected to begin later this year, expands upon an annual provincial investment in CPC of \$1.6 million, the minister said.

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GOVERNMENT SIGNS MAJOR, LONG-TERM DEAL FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

The governments of Canada and Manitoba are working together to make long-term infrastructure investments that will create jobs and economic growth, build inclusive communities and support a low-carbon, green economy.

Earlier this week, the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, and Honourable Jeff Wharton, Manitoba's Minister of Municipal Relations, announced the signing of a bilateral agreement that will provide more than \$1.1 billion in federal funding through the Investing in Canada plan over the next decade for infrastructure projects. These projects will be cost-shared with the Manitoba government, municipalities and other partners.

This new funding will see the Government of Canada and the Government of Manitoba make unprecedented investments in public transit, green infrastructure, recreational, cultural, and community infrastructure, as well as rural and northern communities.

"This landmark agreement paves the way for continued, historic levels of infrastructure investment in new priority projects right across Manitoba," said Wharton. "We look forward to working in partnership with the federal government, municipalities, non-profits, Indigenous and northern communities to identify priority projects that strengthen Manitoba's economy, improve our global competitiveness and revitalize our communities."