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## NEARLY 600 SCHOOLS SET FOR FULL-DAY EARLY LEARNING

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### **McGuinty Government Helps Youngest Students On Road To Success**

Ontario will launch its full-day learning program for up to 35,000 four- and five-year-olds in almost 600 schools this September.

A complete list of the selected schools is available at [Ontario.ca/EarlyLearning](http://Ontario.ca/EarlyLearning). The program should be fully implemented by 2015-16, with more schools added each year.

Full-day learning is a key part of the government's plan to strengthen education in Ontario and create an even better-educated workforce. It will give our youngest students an integrated day of learning, provide a stronger start for kids and make life easier for busy parents.

This is the government's next step in its education plan, which has reduced class sizes, raised the graduation rate by nine percentage points and added about 100,000 students in universities and colleges.

The Premier was at Victor Lauriston Public School in Chatham-Kent today to make the announcement. It is one of eight schools in the area that will begin phasing in full-day learning this September.

### **QUOTES**

"Full-day learning for our four- and five-year-old kids will better prepare them for Grade One. That gives them a better chance of finishing high school, going on to postsecondary education and getting a good job. And that's in everyone's interest."

– Dalton McGuinty  
Premier of Ontario

"By giving more children a better start on their education, we're giving them more chances to succeed. Investing in early learning is good for children, good for parents and good for Ontario."

– Kathleen Wynne  
Minister of Education

"Full-day learning will give children a stronger start during the early years that are so critical to their educational and social development. It's the right thing to do for children and their families."

– Laurel Broten  
Minister of Children and Youth Services

### **QUICK FACTS**

- As part of Ontario's full-day learning plan, parents can choose to enrol their child in the extended day plan that provides before- and after-school programming for a reasonable fee.
- Subsidies will be available, based on need, for families who need help with the cost of the extended day program.
- The full-day early learning program will be supported by a team of teachers and early childhood educators with approximately 26 kids per classroom.

**PLEASE SHARE WITH ALL TEACHERS!**