

Father Michael Goetz Child Care Centre Expansion Project Temporary Host Location for PLASP

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On December 21, 2017, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) received funding from the Ministry of Education for the expansion of the existing childcare centre, operated by PLASP, at Father Michael Goetz Catholic Secondary School. The expansion project consists of one infant room, one toddler room and one preschool room. The expansion work will impact the safe operation of the centre, therefore, temporary relocation of children and staff is required.

On December 18, 2018, the project was put on hold, as *Approval to Proceed* from the Ministry of Education had not been received. All construction projects funded by the Ministry of Education require this approval before construction can begin. On February 18, 2020, the Ministry of Education granted *Approval to Proceed* for the project. The existing childcare centre requires temporary hosting at an alternate location during the construction phase.

What's the Plan?

The DPCDSB Construction Department has advised that the nature of the work required for the expansion of the childcare centre will require the centre to be relocated for the safety of the children and staff. Construction is anticipated to begin in September and take four to six months to complete. During this time, the childcare centre will temporarily be hosted at Bishop Scalabrini, where PLASP will require the use of three kindergarten rooms and one classroom.

Why Bishop Scalabrini?

Father Michael Goetz and Bishop Scalabrini are located in close proximity to each other, which minimizes the impact on parents of the childcare centre. Bishop Scalabrini will have available classrooms within the building as well as four portables onsite in September. The available space will allow both Bishop Scalabrini and the childcare centre to operate together within the building.

How will this affect school operations?

There should be minimal to no impact on daily school operations. The childcare centre will be contained within a grouping of classrooms and a designated access for childcare staff and children, including a separate play yard. The hours of the childcare centre are 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, resulting in minimal impact on vehicle traffic at the site. We will monitor the situation and should conflicts arise, alternative drop off/pick up arrangements will be considered for the childcare centre.

Please note that this and future Community Information Bulletins regarding the child care centre expansion project at Father Michael Goetz can be found on the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's website, www.dpcdsb.org, in the [About Us](#) section under [Planning and Operations](#).