

## **Board Announces Construction of Addition for Child Care at Woodland Public School**

**June 28, 2017** – The Near North District School Board is very pleased to announce that the second phase of the Woodland Public School capital project is nearing commencement – the construction of an addition for child care at the new Woodland Public School. The Board is grateful for the generosity of the Ontario Ministry of Education and their commitment to fund the construction of a child care facility to assist with addressing the child care needs in the west end of the City, located at 1325 Cedargrove Drive in North Bay.

This newly constructed addition will be located at the north-east corner of the school property. The future Woodland Early Learning and Child Care Centre will provide high quality child care for the Woodland Public School community from infancy to 12 years.

In addition to the current Before and After School Program, four, full day, early learning child care classrooms will be built with 10 infant spaces, 15 toddler spaces and 32 preschool spaces. The new facility will include an enclosed entrance and exterior play space.

Board staff are engaged in design consultation with Mitchell Jensen Architects, alongside valued partners from the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) and the YMCA of Northeastern Ontario. It is anticipated that the project will be tendered within the next few weeks. Exterior site work is expected to begin this summer, while construction of the facility will continue throughout the school year.

The safety of students, staff, and the broader community will remain a top priority throughout the duration of this project. For the coming school year, further communication to parents will provide a plan for the safe delivery and pick up of students with regards to the vehicular and pedestrian traffic flow and parking.

The Board extends sincere thanks to the surrounding neighbourhood for their patience during construction.

The Near North District School Board and its partners eagerly anticipate the completion of this important capital project, so the vision of seamless, quality, integrated child care for families is realized at another Near North District School Board facility.

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