## Ontario Building New School in Marathon Province more than doubles funding to build new schools, faster

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THUNDER BAY <sup>2</sup> The Ontario government is investing \$2.3 million in the Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de O¶2QWDULR IRU WKH QHZ eFROH pOpPH 0DUDWKRQ WR EH MRLQWO\ ORFDWHG DW WKH 6XSHULRU \*U Margaret Twomey Public School, helping working families in Marathon, as announced by Kevin Holland, MPP for Thunder Bay <sup>2</sup> Atikokan

This will support the creation of 95 french language spaces in Marathon as part of the JRYHUQPHQW¶V FRPPLWP-bf-cheVarMeRrningXspaces for Contario DWH students.

This project is part of a \$1.3 billion plan that more than doubles funding to build new schools and expansions, including child care spaces, announced by Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, as part of the Capital Priorities Program.

"By investing \$2.3 million in École élémentaire publique de Marathon, we're not just building a school; we're crafting a brighter future for 95 French-speaking students in 0 D U D W K R Q 7 K L V I X Q G L Q J L V D W H V W D P H ORWS RWOR INC. \*\* INC. \*

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The overall investment, which is the highest ever made in a single year, supports the creation of more than 27,000 new student spaces and more than 1,700 licensed child care spaces at schools across Ontario.

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more options to use existing buildings in their communities. These changes are part of WKH JRYHUQPHeQsWrantatshop DuQic Width Cation system focuses on what matters most: important life-long skills such as reading, writing and math; improving accountability and transparency for parents and families; and maximizing capital assets.

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The 2024 Budget: Building a Better Ontario FRQWLQXHV WR VXSSRUW WKH SU being delivered in the Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act to build schools faster and better use taxpayer-funded assets.

Margaret Twomey Public School is located at 21 Chisholm Trail in Marathon.

## QUICK FACTS

In December 2023, the Ministry of Education <u>DQQRXQFHG</u> <u>2QWholly burlot</u> V SODQ WR <u>schools faster</u> through a transparent, accountable and more efficient process. In the recent