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The Ontario government today released the list of schools in Niagara that will offer a full-day learning program for four and five year olds starting this September.

The new Early Learning program (ELP) requires all school boards in Ontario to begin a five-year roll out of full-day learning for four and five year olds beginning in September 2010.

In selecting the schools, Niagara's school boards and Niagara Region have worked together to best identify where children, parents and communities would most benefit from full-day learning and the local availability of child care.

Niagara schools selected to offer the ELP:

District School Board of Niagara

College Street, Smithville
James Morden, Niagara Falls
McKay School, Port Colborne
Memorial School, St. Catharines
Ontario, Thorold
Princess Margaret, Niagara Falls
Richmond Street, Thorold
Senator Gibson , Beamsville
Stevensville Public School, Stevensville
Valley Way, Niagara Falls
Westdale, St. Catharines

Niagara Catholic District School Board

Holy Name School, Welland
Our Lady of Fatima Separate School, St. Catharines
St Denis Separate School, St. Catharines
St Joseph Separate School, Grimsby
St Mary School, Welland
St Patrick Separate School, Niagara Falls
St. Therese Separate School, Port Colborne
Father Hennepin Separate School, Niagara Falls
CSD catholique Centre-Sud
ÉÉC Immaculée-Conception, St. Catharines

CSD du Centre Sud-Ouest

École La Marsh, Niagara Falls

A complete listing of school locations and the Premier's announcement are available at www.edu.gov.on.ca/earlylearning.

Information Session

Niagara Region will be hosting an information session for the child care community on Monday, January 25, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Niagara Region Council Chambers, 2201 St. David's Road, Campbell West, Thorold to discuss the new Early Learning Program and its possible effects on child care programs in Niagara. Further details on this session will be made available through Niagara Child Care Sector shortly.

For more information

www.niagararegion.ca/living/children/full-day-learning.aspx
www.edu.gov.on.ca/earlylearning/background.html
www.dsbns.org/earlylearning/
www.dsbns.org/Communications/news-release.aspx?id=10034

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