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Full-time kindergarten coming to more York Region public schools in 2011-12

Aurora, ON – Twelve more of York Region's public elementary schools have been approved by the Ministry to offer the *Early Learning Program* in September 2011. York Region District School Board schools selected for the second phase of the Ontario Government's *Early Learning Program* in York Region District School Board include:

| School Name | Town |
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| Devins Drive PS | Aurora |
| O M MacKillop PS | Richmond Hill |
| Walter Scott PS | Richmond Hill |
| Boxwood PS | Markham |
| Maple Leaf PS | Newmarket |
| Park Avenue PS | Holland Landing |
| Queensville PS | Queensville |
| Stuart Scott PS | Newmarket |
| Johnsview Village PS | Thornhill |
| Joseph A Gibson PS | Maple |
| Nellie McClung PS | Vaughan |
| Pierre Berton PS | Vaughan |

Plans are already under way for the York Region District School Board to offer the program in 25 schools beginning in [September 2010](#). The *Early Learning Program* offers kindergarten and junior kindergarten students the opportunity to attend class full-time and every school day. Previously, kindergarten students have attended school on alternate days or half-days only. Province-wide implementation of the full-day Early Learning will expand in phases with the goal being to have the program fully implemented in all Ontario elementary schools by 2015-16.

Parents living within the boundaries of these schools will be able to register their children in the full-day learning program through their school's registration process as of February 2011. Kindergarten registration is already under way for children enrolling in Kindergarten programs for September 2010. A full list of Ontario schools hosting the program next September is posted on the Ministry of Education's website at <http://edu.gov.on.ca/>.

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