

# Eichler welcomes childcare spaces

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Ralph Eichler, MLA for Lakeside, welcomed the Manitoba Government announcement of new early learning and childcare spaces for the Stony Mountain Child Care Centre Co-op last Friday.

This province-wide investment includes eight infant and six preschool spaces in the Lakeside constituency.

"This exciting announcement demonstrates our commitment to delivering quality child-care to Manitoba families," said MLA Eichler. "I am pleased that we are creating new early learning and child-care spaces for families in the Lakeside constituency."

This addition will allow the centre to provide space for 16 infants, said Stony Mountain Child Care Centre

Co-op director Jennifer Joel.

"We currently have a waiting list for over 90, including infants and preschoolers up to five years old," said Joel.

Currently the children's centre has four infant, 28 preschooler and 30 school-aged spaces.

The Stony Mountain Child Care Center is currently under construction with Phase 1 at their new location expected to be completed at the end of July and Phase 2 by Christmas. When the new building is complete, the children's centre will have 106 spaces, including their current location, which will remain open.

This investment is part of The Canada-Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care Agreement.