



Dr. Shafiq Qaadri, MPP

Member of Provincial Parliament • Etobicoke North



▼ Dr. Qaadri celebrates the 30th Anniversary of the Rexdale Women's Centre



▲ Presenting an Ontario Flag to Father Henry Carr C. S. School

▶ Dr. Qaadri at the newly-built addition of Father Henry Carr C. S. School



▼ Dr. Qaadri addressing graduates and parents



▲ Dr. Qaadri at the Inauguration of the newly-built Monsignor Percy Johnson C. S. School

Increasing Access to Life Saving Nursing Care

Patients living in Etobicoke North will soon have increased access to life-saving services as the province invests \$46,000 in specialized critical care training for nurses at the Etobicoke General Hospital

The funding is part of the province's Critical Care strategy, a \$4.5 million investment that will enable another 76 hospitals to train 391 nurses. This funding is being provided for the second year to ensure that more nurses receive necessary training, including specialized healthcare technologies to care for critically ill patients.

"We're committed to improving access to quality care at Ontario's hospitals," said David Caplan, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care. "Providing this specialized critical care training to more nurses benefits patients and helps health care organizations meet the health needs of its community and provide increased quality of care closer to home."



▲ Dr. Qaadri at the opening of the Albion Islington Festival

Local School Recognized for Increasing Student Achievement

Humberwood Downs Junior Middle Academy has been recognized for making substantial progress in increasing achievement. Humberwood Downs Middle Academy is one of 44 schools across Ontario joining an outstanding group of Schools on the Move network this year.

"The staff and students at Humberwood Downs Junior Middle Academy have worked hard to make these improvements. Their experience will serve as a model for improving student achievement throughout the province," said Shafiq Qaadri.

The Schools on the Move initiative will help in reaching the government's goal that 75% of 12 year-old students achieve a B grade or higher in reading writing and mathematics on provincial tests.

"Strong literacy and numeracy skills are the backbone of academic achievement. The Schools on the Move program is a fantastic way to help Ontario students succeed," said Education Minister Kathleen Wynne.



▲ Saluting graduates of Claire



▲ Dr. Qaadri Wishing success to the graduates of St. Dorothy's

Safer Schools in Toronto

The Ontario government, in cooperation with the Toronto District School Board and Toronto Police, has invested \$4 million in our schools to make them safer places to learn and teach. Along with 1,176 more teachers and 689 more support staff, Toronto Police Officers will be patrolling three schools in Etobicoke North along with 24 other schools across the City. North Albion CI, Thistletown CI and Don Bosco CSS will have the added support to help ensure school safety.

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◀ *Presenting the Queen's Plate at Woodbine*

Crime Rate Down in Ontario

While criminal charges are up, crime is down in Ontario. The crime rate is measured by the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics which shows that crime was the lowest in Canada last year. Ontario has experienced an **18%** reduction in its overall crime rate, including a **17%** reduction in violent crime, from 2000 – 2007.

The Ontario government has supported our police by investing in 1,200 more officers across Ontario, and programs to specifically target drugs, gangs, weapons and impaired driving.

Ontario is ranked among the toughest by MADD Canada when it comes to impaired driving. The provincial government has put in longer license suspension periods and doubled funding for the province-wide RIDE program. Ontario is the first Canadian province to permanently take away the vehicles of repeat offenders.

Tougher penalties and greater awareness of the risks associated with drunk driving is having a positive effect.

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▲ *Addressing the graduates and parents of Monsignor Percy Johnson*

\$25 Million for Childcare Fee Subsidies

The Ontario government is committed for families to access quality child care. This year the government has invested \$25 million in child care and \$23 million to increase the number of fee subsidies.

The research shows that all children benefit from high quality early learning childcare. The investment is a part of the government's plan to tackle poverty and provide opportunity for low-income families.



◀ *Addressing people attending the Neighbours Night Out Barbecue*

Changes to the Property Tax System

Starting with the 2009 tax year, property owners will receive updated assessments every four years, and resulting assessment increases will be phased in over four years. Moving to a four-year reassessment cycle combined with a four-year phase-in will provide greater stability and predictability for all property owners. Any decreases in assessment will take effect immediately.

More than half a million Ontario senior households will see some welcome property tax relief thanks to the new Ontario Senior Homeowners' Property Tax Grants. Announced in the Ontario government's 2008 Budget, the new grant will provide \$1 billion over five years for seniors with low and moderate incomes who own their homes.

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