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Dear School Board Chairs and Directors of Education:

This fall, students in Grades 7- 12 across Ontario will be invited to attend Level Up!: Unlock Your Future in the Skilled Trades, a series of engaging and interactive career fairs.

The skilled trades are vital to the health and growth of our economy, offering careers that lead to secure jobs and a good quality of life. That is why we're working to modernize our skilled trades and apprenticeship system, address the skilled trades shortage and break the stigma associated with the skilled trades to attract more of our province's young people to the fantastic opportunities they offer. It is also why we have updated Ontario's Grades 1 to 8 Science and Technology curriculum and introduced the new de-streamed Grade 9 Science course to ensure all students are taught the foundational life and job skills that support the next generation of skilled trades workers and chart new pathways forward for our economy. We are taking an all hands-on deck approach to ensure students know the meaningful work and life-long careers available to them.

To support these goals, we've provided a comprehensive digital package with this letter outlining suggestions on how to raise awareness and promote attendance of these career fairs in your school communities. We encourage you to share elements of this package widely with educators, students and parents.

Thank you for your support in promoting and strengthening Ontario's apprenticeship and skilled trades system. Together, we can spark the interest of thousands of young people in skilled trades, putting them on the path to fulfilling and rewarding careers

Sincerely,

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Stephen Lecce
Minister of Education

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