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SKILLS ONTARIO PARENT/GUARDIAN SKILLED TRADE AND TECHNOLOGY VIRTUAL INFORMATION NIGHT

Tropicana Employment Centre

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I want to extend warm greetings to everyone taking part in the Skills Ontario Parent/Guardian Skilled Trade and Technology Virtual Information Night.

Our government is working hard with our partners to make it easier for young people to access opportunities and help them pursue a rewarding career in the skilled trades. I am absolutely amazed and encouraged by the interest of all the young people taking part in tonight's event. And I strongly encourage them to consider a career in the trades.

The skilled trades are the backbone of the economy and will be critical in our province's recovery, as one in five jobs over the next five years will be in the trades. Ontario's skilled trade workers will help build our hospitals, long-term care homes, highways, subways and critical infrastructure. More importantly, they're the workers who will kickstart our economy and get it firing on all cylinders again.

I want to commend Tropicana Employment Centre and the Toronto District School Board for hosting this event. Thank you for being a valued partner in helping young people prepare for and succeed in the trades.

Best wishes for a productive and informative evening.

**Doug Ford
Premier**