

Skills Ontario recognizes and supports plans to restore Ontario's math curriculum

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Skills Ontario supports the provincial government's announced changes to address the math challenges that Ontario students face. It is essential that the province's education system provides students with the necessary math skills that will allow them to succeed, prosper, and pursue careers in the increasingly competitive economy.

"Skills Ontario is pleased that the government is facilitating more information and awareness to students about opportunities in skilled trades and technology careers. Many students are unaware of how rewarding and beneficial careers in the skilled trades and technologies can be. For 30 years, Skills Ontario has been promoting apprenticeships, skilled trades, and technology opportunities to youth, and we look forward to building on our partnership with the government to engage more students," said CEO of Skills Ontario, Ian Howcroft. "I want to thank and recognize Minister Thompson for her leadership in announcing these important changes, and we appreciate the opportunity to partner on our common goals that will directly improve the lives of thousands of youth."

"Strong math skills are vital to Ontario's economic success. Math skills are essential to skilled trades and tech careers that are in very high demand. Strengthening math curriculum and making it more relevant will only help people find good quality jobs in trades and tech."

As business has identified skills shortages as the number one issue that must be addressed for job creation and economic growth, Skills Ontario works to develop and deliver skills solutions. With a revamped math curriculum, students will be even better prepared to explore their career opportunities.

About Skills Ontario - Promoting skilled trades and technologies in Ontario since 1989

Over the past 30 years, Skills Ontario has grown into the most impactful organization for promoting and encouraging youth to consider careers in the skilled trades and technologies. With the help of government and corporate sponsors, Skills Ontario has been growing a portfolio of programs including in-school presentations reaching 125,000 students across Ontario annually, career exploration summer camps, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Career Exploration Conferences and Young Women's Conferences (the largest in the country with 2,000+ participants), and hosting Canada's largest skills competition which annually attracts 35,000+ spectators who cheerlead the 2,400+ competitors in 68+ trades and technology categories. Skills Ontario's programs connect education, experience, and employment changing millions of young minds -- 92% improved perception across 365,000+ youth annually -- about the quality of career offerings in skilled trades and technologies. Skills Ontario's impact is valued by students, business, families, educators, labour, and communities across the province.