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Subject: **Secondary Mandatory Technology Credit**

Background

The Ontario government is implementing a new high school graduation requirement to help better prepare students across our province for the jobs of tomorrow. Starting with students entering Grade 9 in September 2024, all students will now be required to earn a Grade 9 or 10 Technological Education credit as part of their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

This new learning graduation requirement will expose Ontario’s students to at least one Technological Education course that could guide them to a future career in the highly skilled workforce, including the skilled trades. With more than 100,000 unfilled skilled trades jobs right now, it is critical Ontario attracts more young people to pursue a fulfilling, good-paying career in the trades.

The Technological Education curriculum covers a broad range of sectors, including construction, transportation, manufacturing, computer technology, hospitality and communication. In Ontario, men make up more than 70 per cent of workers in trades-related occupations. The exposure to these career pathways as a mandatory graduation curriculum requirement will ensure more young women make the choice to pursue a career in the trades.

Details

Students in our secondary schools will have the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of hands-on tech offerings in multidisciplinary areas:

UCC	SPH
TAS10 - Exploring Technology (Tech courses rotations)	TAS10 - Exploring Technology (Tech courses rotations)
TGJ20 – Communications Technology	TGJ20 – Communications Technology
ICD20 – Digital Tech and Innovations in a Changing World	ICD20 – Digital Tech and Innovations in a Changing World
TCJ20 – Construction	TCJ20 – Construction
TMJ20 – Manufacturing	TMJ20 – Manufacturing
TXJ20 – Cosmetology	TXJ20 – Cosmetology



	TDJ20 – Technology Design
	TPJ20 – Health Care

Recommendation

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *Secondary Mandatory Technology Credit*, for information.