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Honourable Matt Jones
Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade
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Via e-mail: JEND.minister@gov.ab.ca

Dear Minister Jones:

Congratulations on your appointment as Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade. As we both have the goal of ensuring Alberta has a skilled, innovative workforce, we look forward to working with you.

We have read with great interest the Career Education Task Force's [Final Report](#). We are excited by the possibilities it envisions, and by how much in the report is already reflected in our Division's current programming.

As a public education institution, we wholeheartedly believe that all students should have equitable access to programming and experiences that allow them to build toward a life of dignity and fulfilment. Career education is a critical piece of this development.

Our [Career Pathways](#) programming starts right from Kindergarten and continues through Grade 12 to help students explore their interests, strengths and possibilities in preparation for life after high school. Apprenticeships, dual credit programs and learning labs co-hosted with our partners in trades and post-secondary settings gives students experiential learning opportunities inside and outside of the classroom. We believe there is great opportunity to expand these partnerships and opportunities for the benefit of students, our post-secondary partners and employers.

We would like to discuss the possibilities with you this fall. Please contact Catherine Angeles at 780-429-8443 or catherine.angeles@epsb.ca to arrange a time. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,



Trisha Estabrooks
Board Chair