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## 'What's Your Plan?' Career Showcase Connects Youth to Opportunities in Technology and Trades

**Brantford Ont.** – North Park Collegiate and Vocational School is bringing together local employers, representatives from college programs, and community organizations as it hosts *What's Your Plan?*, a unique event aimed at informing students and parents about opportunities and career paths in the technology and trades sectors.

"Careers in the trades and technology are in demand, and often well paid," said Liz Moruzi, Head of Guidance at North Park Collegiate. "This event gives students and parents the chance to meet people involved in these industries, ask questions, and determine the steps they can begin taking now to pursue a fulfilling career in these fields."

The event is aimed at those in Grades 8-12, and will feature information booths as well as two panel discussions. The first pane will include employers Hematite, Stelco, Tigercat Industries, and Bowman Precision Tooling discussing industry needs and trends. The second panel will include Fanshawe, Conestoga, Mohawk, and Niagara Colleges highlighting post-secondary program options. There will also be short presentations covering secondary school programs such as Co-op, Dual Credit, and Specialist High Skills Major opportunities.

Rounding out the event are local organizations including the Workforce Planning Board of Grand Erie, the Brant Resource Enterprise Centre, and St. Leonard's Community Services, offering information on employment services, apprenticeships, and summer employment as well as information booths from the Ironworkers Union and local fabricators Brooks Signs.

Planned in partnership with North Park Collegiate's School Council and Guidance Department, this event is made possible thanks to a Parents Reaching Out Grant, provided by the Ministry of Education. On-site child care is available. There will also be plenty of door prizes, free resources, and other surprises.

Grand Erie District School Board's Multi-Year Plan prioritizes Technology and Achievement, and works to foster community connections that enhance student learning.

## What's Your Plan?

Thursday, April 4, 2019 – 6-8 p.m. North Park Collegiate and Vocational School 280 North Park St., Brantford

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