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To: Provincial and Territorial Skills Organizations

Dear members,

This pandemic sure has thrown a monkey wrench into things hasn't it? We have all had to set aside our plans and make important changes in how we deliver our programs and competitions. Despite the significant challenges, it has been reassuring to see how so many have responded in such positive ways.

As our Medical Health Officials have told us, we are not out of the situation yet and can't go back to what we once considered normal activities. The pandemic will continue to impact WorldSkills events, Skills Canada National Competitions and your own events and programs.

There is still a lot of information to consider and decisions to be made. At Skills/Compétences Canada we are working to ensure that we engage and inform as many as we can as we work through this challenging situation. Our mission - to encourage and support a coordinated Pan-Canadian approach to promoting skilled careers in trades and technologies to youth and their communities - is an important one, and one that we need to continue to work towards.

As noted, it has been gratifying to see how our organizations have pulled together, shared ideas, programming and best practices. I hope that this will become one of the lasting positive legacies of our situation.

Discussions and decisions regarding upcoming events will be forthcoming and I encourage all to share thoughts and ideas. It will also be important to balance our hopes and aspirations with the reality of the situation.

I look forward to working with all of you to implement our valuable programs. There are important issues ahead - labour market needs, diversity, changes in education and training, to identify just a few. Please feel free to contact the national office staff or me with any questions or concerns.

All the best,

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