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ASTTBC Congratulates Kamloops Trades & Technology High School **Announcement**

The BC Government announced funding approval for the Norkam Trades and Technology High School in Kamloops. ASTTBC has been advocating for the school for several years and is pleased that the project will go ahead. "This is a great day for K-12 education and linkages between secondary and post-secondary technology programming at Thompson Rivers University, BCIT and Okanagan College," said ASTTBC Executive Director, John Leech. "There is a shortage of engineering and applied science technologists and technicians in the region and throughout BC and programs such as the Trades and Technology High School will go a long way to providing a technology career pathway."

Leech went on to congratulate the School Board and specifically noted Trustee Annette Glover's work over many years in support of technology education and careers. "As a professional association of 10,000 technology professionals ASTTBC will work with the Kamloops School Board to assist with the development of technology programming that will provide a head start as students pursue a technology career in programs such as the Architectural and Engineering Technology Program at TRU. This is a model we hope will be replicated elsewhere in BC. The new high school is a natural add-on to the Bert Edwards Science and Technology Elementary School. Congratulations to one and all."