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MP Kramp applauds Youth STEM: New funding initiative to build business innovation in southern Ontario

Belleville, Ontario — Daryl Kramp, Member of Parliament for Prince Edward-Hastings applauds a new federal funding initiative, announced today by The Honourable Gary Goodyear, which is aimed at building business innovation in southern Ontario.

Youth STEM will build excellence in southern Ontario's knowledge-based economy and a future talent pool in science, technology engineering and mathematics (STEM) by increasing opportunities for young people to explore education and careers in the STEM fields.

"The initiative will provide up to \$20 million to support not-for-profit organizations to expand, enhance and coordinate the reach and impact of their current educational STEM outreach programs", said Mr. Kramp. "Youth STEM is designed to increase young people's awareness about the rewards of pursuing an education or career in the sciences."

Youth STEM is a direct result of feedback from business leaders, academics and community leaders from across southern Ontario, who suggested FedDev Ontario take a leadership role in developing the next generation of STEM leaders to fuel business innovation in southern Ontario.

This is one of several initiatives that FedDev Ontario is delivering to support businesses and other organizations through partnerships and investments in skills and training; innovation; research and development; and increased productivity.

I encourage anyone who has any questions about the program to please visit our website at www.feddevontario.gc.ca or call 1-866-593-5505.

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