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We need your consent

To be filled out and signed by a parent or guardian and student, then returned to the school.

To the Parent/Guardian: Your child has the right and responsibility to have a safe and educational workplace visit. Health and Safety education is an important element of this program. Review this form with your child and sign below. If you have additional questions about safety, contact the school or the workplace.

Student's name: _____ Teacher's name: _____

- ❑ My child has my permission to participate in this program.
- ❑ My child may be photographed, interviewed or videotaped on Take Our Kids to Work day by the workplace or by The Learning Partnership for the purpose of promotion, advertising and public relations purposes related to the Take Our Kids to Work program.

- ❑ My workplace is aware that I am bringing my child to work on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, between the hours of _____ and _____ . We have discussed lunch arrangements and appropriate clothing/safety attire.

Parent's name: _____ Telephone: _____

Workplace name: _____

Address: _____

OR

My child will accompany a: (check one)

❑ **relative** ❑ **friend** ❑ **community host**

to their workplace on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, between the hours of _____ and _____. We have discussed lunch arrangements and appropriate clothing/safety attire for this particular workplace.

Contact's name: _____ Telephone: _____

Workplace name: _____

- ❑ A colleague at my workplace would be willing to host another student in need of a placement.

Colleague's name: _____ Telephone: _____

Elements of risk

All experiential learning programs, such as field trips, cooperative education, job shadowing and Take Our Kids to Work participation, involve certain elements of risk. Injuries may occur while participating in this activity without any fault of the student, the school board, or the host employer. By allowing your child to take part in this activity, you are accepting the risk that your child may be injured.

For more information see the recommendations for Workplace Health & Safety at thelearningpartnership.ca.

- ❑ I understand that there are risks associated with my child visiting a workplace and I have reviewed the *Elements of risk* section above with my child.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

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Take Our Kids to Work

Take Our Kids to Work is the signature program of The Learning Partnership, a national charitable organization dedicated to supporting, promoting and advancing public education in Canada. Now in its 23rd year, Take Our Kids to Work annually involves more than 200,000 students in a day of career exploration and learning about the skills required in the world of work. On **Wednesday, November 1, 2017**, Grade 9, Senior 1 (Manitoba) and Secondary III (Quebec) students across Canada will spend the day at the workplace of a parent, relative, friend or volunteer host.

For students, it's more than just a fun day. It's an opportunity to:

- Understand the importance of staying in school by seeing first-hand the skills required in today's workplace.
- Start exploring career options in a practical way and gaining a better understanding of how many career choices are open to them.
- Experience a day in the world of work and begin thinking about the kind of job they might aspire to.

"Students have an opportunity to see what the workplace is like, appreciate the expectations, understand their parents better and understand the importance of planning a career path." – **Educator**

For parents, it's an opportunity to prepare children for the future by:

- Participating in a shared experience with their child.
- Enriching their child's experience with career discussions before, during, and after the workplace visit.

"I brought my 14-year-old daughter to work and introduced her to the world of charitable giving and how people can make a difference. As a result of our day together, she told me two things: one, she is very proud of me and the work I do and two, that she is aiming for 300 volunteer hours over her next four years of high school." – **Parent**

What if it is not possible to go to work with a parent?

Parents invite their own children to join them at work for the day, but if this is not possible, there are other ways for your child to participate:

- Ask a relative, neighbour or family friend to take your child to work.
- Ask a parent who is taking his or her child to work if your son or daughter can join them for the day.
- Contact local businesses and ask if they are participating in Take Our Kids to Work day. Inquire if someone within their organization would be willing to host your child, providing you make the necessary transportation arrangements.

"My overall experience from Take Our Kids to Work was awesome. There were multiple stations where we learned about jobs like media, engineering, supply chain, welding and many more. There were lots of hands-on activities which gave me a feel for that particular job." – **Student**



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Safety First

Workplace health and safety is a vital aspect of the Take Our Kids to Work program. It is essential that both students and parents receive information about health and safety prior to their workplace visit. They also need to know their rights and responsibilities for jobs they may hold now and in the future.

Parents need to be aware of the work that their children are engaging in on this day and ask questions about the health and safety provisions. Links to other organizations with workplace health and safety expertise and materials can be accessed through thelearningpartnership.ca.

"Scotiabank relies on highly skilled and educated talent and that's why we have been a proud national sponsor of Take Our Kids to Work day for over 20 years. Take Our Kids to Work day offers students a rare opportunity to experience the working world and a chance to see how their skills can be applied in a future career." – **Barbara Mason, Chief Human Resources Officer, Scotiabank.**

About The Learning Partnership

The Learning Partnership is a national charity dedicated to building stakeholder partnerships to support, promote and advance publicly funded education in Canada. We do this through five key deliverables – innovative student programs, executive leadership for educators, knowledge mobilization and policy, tribute celebrations of excellence and ongoing collaborations across Canada. Since 1993, more than 6.9 million students have participated in The Learning Partnership's programs.

Virtual Reality Workplace Experiences

Check out The Learning Partnership's free Virtual Reality Workplace Experience videos, an extension of the Take Our Kids to Work program, giving students the ability to access workplaces across the country from within their classrooms. The videos support career education by letting students virtually explore a range of work environments and meet employees who share insights on their jobs. Available on YouTube and compatible with virtual reality headsets, such as the inexpensive Google Cardboard, the videos expand the range of workplace experiences available to students and remove barriers of access. www.thelearningpartnership.ca/virtual-reality-workplace-tours





Real Talk Career App

Download The Learning Partnership's Real Talk career app. Real Talk helps students make better choices about their post-secondary options by offering them peer-to-peer perspectives, tips and advice from young people who have recently made the school-to-work transition. Students can bookmark, like and share careers that interest them on social media, while building a digital to-do list of resources.

www.realtalk.careers

