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### **Team Sudbury Prepares for 2023 Skills Ontario Competition**

**SUDBURY** – Tradestown! Sudbury is a hotbed of skilled trades expertise, and an assembled team of the best and the brightest students focusing on the trades is off to Toronto to represent Sudbury at the annual Skills Ontario competition.

This year's competition is taking place May 1-2, followed by the closing ceremony on May 3.

"Skills Ontario is always an amazing competition and a great opportunity for our team to step up and put their skills to the test," says Renée Scott, Cambrian's Director of Marketing, Recruitment and Student Success. "It's our largest Team Sudbury ever and to see students from high school and college all working together, learning from each other, and cheering each other on, really makes all of us proud. We're looking forward to another strong showing, including trips to the podium."

Team Sudbury is made up of 75 students plus their coaches from Cambrian College, the Rainbow District School Board, and the Sudbury Catholic District School Board. It is the fourth time the three institutions have come together as a united northern team at Skills Ontario.

"We extend our best wishes to Team Sudbury as it competes on the provincial stage, including many students from Rainbow Schools who captured top honours at local and regional events," says Bruce Bourget, Director of Education for Rainbow District School Board. "Our students continue to make us proud, demonstrating tremendous ability and creativity in their respective trades. Their success is certainly a tribute to the committed teachers, mentors and partners who inspire them to be their best. Congratulations to all participants."

Since 2018, Team Sudbury has won 22 medals at Skills Ontario including 6 gold, 7 silver 9 bronze.

"The Sudbury Catholic District School Board supports opportunities for hands-on and innovative learning throughout the year," says Joanne Bénéard, Director of Education for the Sudbury Catholic District School Board. "Our students continue to excel at Skills Ontario competitions and are eager to participate alongside the other members of Team Sudbury. We want to thank our dedicated teacher-mentors for championing the students each step of the way. We know

all participants will represent Sudbury and our Board with pride. Sudbury Catholic is very proud of all our participants and wish them much success!”

“Skilled trades are probably one of the most in-demand careers out there right now,” adds Scott. “We have students signing on for full-time jobs right after graduation. It’s exciting to see so much focus, attention and respect being shown to students pursuing the trades. And I’m equally excited to see them compete and win at a provincial level while pursuing careers they are very passionate about.”

For more information about Skills Ontario – visit: <https://www.skillsontario.com/competitions-and-challenges>.

*Photo: Members of the 2022 Team Sudbury squad that attended Skills Ontario last year. This year, the largest Team Sudbury contingent ever (75 competitors) will be at Skills Ontario May 1-3.*

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