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## **Ontario Students Benefit from Focused and Collaborative Approach to Infrastructure Investments**

TORONTO, ON - Ontario's college and college/university students welcome today's announcement of additional funds to help tackle the issues of the aging infrastructure and deferred maintenance backlog at Ontario's colleges and universities, says the College Student Alliance (CSA).

"This additional investment of over \$500 million from the federal and provincial governments will definitely go a long way to improving the capacity and overall experience for all students," says Justin Fox, President of the College Student Alliance. "The Knowledge Infrastructure Program (KIP) is not only providing short term stimulus to the Ontario economy, but also renewing our campuses, classrooms and labs."

The Second Phase of the Knowledge Infrastructure Program announced today provides funding to another 21 projects at Ontario colleges and universities. These projects follow the 28 projects announced on Monday. Over the next two years, the federal and provincial government will invest over \$2 billion in infrastructure projects to fuel the economy and boost Ontario's long term knowledge capacity.

"Students are also appreciative of the additional investment the McGuinty government is making through the Strategic Capital Infrastructure Program," adds Fox.

The McGuinty government is providing some \$55 million, over the next two-years, to ensure all colleges and universities receive funds to tackle their specific infrastructure needs. As well all colleges and universities will benefit from a \$40 million pot to renew and upgrade facilities.

"Today's investments coupled with those announced earlier this week will ensure all Ontarians have access to a quality education taught in state-of-the-art and modern facilities; no matter where they choose to study," says Tyler Charlebois, Director of Advocacy.

The College Student Alliance (CSA) is an advocacy and services organization, which has been proudly serving Ontario's college and college/university students since 1975. The CSA currently represents 16 colleges and 23 student councils with over 110,000 full-time student members throughout the province.

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