

Message from the President – Provincial Investment in Post Secondary Sector

February 13, 2026

Dear colleagues,

Yesterday, February 12, the Provincial Government announced significant new investments in Ontario's public colleges, polytechnics, universities and Indigenous institutes. We welcome this news. Sustained and predictable funding is essential to supporting learners, the communities we serve, and Ontario's workforce needs.

While this investment is a positive endorsement of our sector, Algonquin College continues to face significant financial challenges and must remain focused on its long-term sustainability. The announcement introduces a new funding formula, lifts the longstanding tuition freeze, and emphasizes priority program areas. A portion of the new funding is directed toward creating new seats, rather than increasing base funding for existing ones.

Once we receive the technical brief regarding the announcement and the details of our allocation, we will complete a full assessment. It is essential that our decisions going forward are made with a thorough understanding of the impact this announcement will have on the College.

Accordingly, the consolidated program suspensions recommendation that was to be tabled at the February 23 Board of Governors meeting will be rescheduled. The College community will be notified when the recommendation has been rescheduled for the Board's consideration.

Thank you,

Claude Brulé
President and CEO
Algonquin College