

## TOWARDS RECONCILIATION Crestwood Preparatory College

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On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm greetings to everyone attending Towards Reconciliation — the Third Annual Human Rights and Tolerance Symposium hosted by Crestwood Preparatory College.

It is up to each one of us to make a commitment to deepen our understanding of the history, culture and traditions of Indigenous peoples. This will help us to move forward with Indigenous partners in a spirit of mutual respect and collaboration, so that we can build a country that lives up to its laws, its values and its reputation as a force for good in the world. I applaud the students of Crestwood Preparatory College for this initiative in social justice and for organizing this important symposium.

As Premier, I am proud of the steps we have taken to strengthen Ontario's relationship with Indigenous peoples. Our government has made it a priority to act on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action by working in partnership with First Nation, Inuit and Métis peoples to acknowledge and teach the history and legacy of residential schools, take action to close gaps and remove barriers, and build culturally relevant and responsive services.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable and inspirational symposium.

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