Dear Principal,

Summer is almost here and many students will soon start summer jobs. Please help them stay safe by sharing the enclosed information and tip sheets with students in Grades 7 to 12.

The materials will help students ask the right questions, know their legal rights and responsibilities, and stay safe on the job. You may wish to distribute them at an end-of-the-year event, attach them to report cards, or have teachers hand them out in class and discuss them with their students.

The partnership between educators and the Ontario government has been an eight-year success story.

The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Labour have worked together to get workplace safety into the curriculum and provide classroom resources.

But it is the daily work of teachers delivering workplace safety lessons in the classroom that has had the greatest impact. With your help, we have reduced by 32 per cent the amount of time lost to injuries by teenagers. And Ontario’s young people now work in the safest province in the country.

Safety lessons delivered by professional educators are preventing workplace injuries and saving young lives.

Thank you for your continued commitment and enjoy a safe summer.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Wynn
Minister of Education

Brad Duguid
Minister of Labour