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Notes to the Editor:

The following stakeholder quotations are provided for editorial use.

Says John DeGiacomo, Executive Director of AETS;

"As one of 20 Indigenous Skills & Employment Training Program (ISETP) Agreement Holders in Ontario and the recipient of funding through the Skills Partnership Fund, AETS is positioned even better to deliver more tailored services and programs which will include expanding partnerships with other like-minded organizations to empower the Anishinabek and improve the skill levels and employment outcomes of First Nation Citizens in the North Superior Region."

Says Elder Theresa Morrisseau;

"It is with great pride that I am able to see hear and feel this uplifting change, and be part of this new education to training to employment facility as an Elder which was made possible by the collaborative partnership between the AETS nine member First Nations and the Thunder Bay Public Library (TBPL)."

Says Matthew Dupuis, Chief of Red Rock Indian Band;

"As Past President with AETS and now one of the current Chiefs within the AETS member communities, it is empowering to know both the ISETP and SPF funding will help AETS continue to enhance employability while monitoring the impact of innovative and collaborative solutions to assist in addressing a wide range of socio-economic challenges within Indigenous communities."

Says Myrna Holman, Vice President People, Mission & Values;

"St. Joseph's Care Group is proud to be a partner with AETS and in particular with the Personal Support Worker (PSW) training program. As our population ages and demand increases, this is an opportunity to pursue a fulfilling career, where you can help people live with dignity and respect."

Bele Wigwas, Past AETS ISETP Participant;

"As a result of AETS's ability to enhance the delivery of their services and programs, I was able to improve my skills and employment. I have been gainfully employed as a Personal Support Worker at St. Joseph's Care Group as well as using my leadership skills both gained from AETS, since working with AETS in 2016."