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The Honourable Nolan Quinn
Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security
Government of Ontario
438 University Avenue, 5th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1N3

Re: Support for Computek College and Its Students — Request to Restore OSAP for Students Enrolled Before August 1, 2026

Dear Minister Quinn,

I am writing on behalf of The Scarborough Business Association, a nonprofit, membership-based business organization representing businesses in Scarborough. I am writing to support Computek College and its students, who are an important part of our community.

Computek has been an active part of Scarborough for 35 years. In that time:

- Computek has partnered with the Scarborough Business Association to support local businesses, connect people with career opportunities, and strengthen the community through events, job fairs, scholarships, and community initiatives.
- Computek's campus in Scarborough supports local businesses and brings over 1500 students and staff into our neighbourhood every day.

Computek's contribution to your community includes:

- Career training that helps residents prepare for employment
- Connections between students and local employers
- Workshops that build practical workplace skills
- Support for newcomers pursuing careers in Canada
- Participation in SBA events and community programs

The current pause on OSAP payments to career colleges is already being felt in our community. Students who enrolled in good faith before August 1, 2026, and who are attending classes today, now face the possibility of leaving their programs. Many are local residents supporting families. Computek employs nearly 120 people at its campuses, and their jobs are also at risk. Our members are already hearing from students who are unsure whether they can stay in school.



Career colleges like Computek offer a practical path to stable work for people in our community. Closing that path for students who followed the rules will hurt families and neighbourhoods.

We support the government's audit and its efforts to protect the integrity of OSAP. Institutions that break the rules should be held to account. But a pause that applies to every career college harms students and communities served by colleges that have done nothing wrong.

We understand that Computek has volunteered to be among the first institutions reviewed, and we support a fast review of compliant colleges.

We respectfully ask the government to:

1. Restore OSAP payments for students who enrolled before August 1, 2026, at institutions with no identified compliance concerns, while the audit continues;
2. Establish an expedited review so that compliant colleges such as Computek can quickly demonstrate that they meet the Ministry's new eligibility criteria for OSAP going forward;
3. Publish clear timelines and eligibility criteria so that students, colleges and communities can plan; and
4. Consider the impact on local communities, economies and employers as decisions on career college funding are made.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss the importance of Computek to our community. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

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