



Accessful is an EnAbling Change Partnership project

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your teen attended one of three Accessful Student Symposiums earlier this month at the Red Rose Convention Centre. The day was filled with fun icebreaker activities that helped students feel comfortable discussing some of the barriers to employment in small discussion groups.

Five key audiences are invited to participate in separate Accessful Symposiums; students, teachers, employers, social agencies, and of course, parents/guardians. We have already hosted several meetings with employers and social agencies to strengthen connections to generate employment opportunities.

We will be hosting an informational meeting so you can ask questions and provide insight into the needs of your teen. Since each of the key audiences will have different perspectives about the issue, your voice needs to be heard. **The Parent/Guardian Symposium will be held on February 14th from 6-8 pm at the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) office.**

Many of you have already submitted your Parent Survey. We hope you'll join us for this special evening just for parents. You will hear from Accessful staff, learn about the goals of the program and how your teen can be supported to find summer employment in 2019.

Research indicates having one paid job in high school is the number one predictor of future employment for people with disabilities. *

Parent Symposium will be held:

**February 14, 2019 from 6-8 pm
OSSTF District 19 Office
6435 Edwards Blvd.
Mississauga, ON L5T 2P7**

Please RSVP by returning the second page of this letter to the Special Education Head at your teen's school **by Monday, February 4, 2019.**

We look forward to working with you, your teen and members of the school community.

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* Source: *Predictors of Postschool Employment Outcomes for Young Adults With Severe Disabilities*. Journal of Disability Policy Studies. Hammill Institute on Disabilities. University of Wisconsin-Madison.

RSVP PAGE

- I will be attending the Parent Symposium at the OSSTF District 19 office on **February 14th from 6-8 pm.**
- I will not be able to attend.

Please print name of parent/guardian(s)

My teen's name: _____

School Name: _____

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