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PREMIER'S TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL RELEASES SPECIAL REPORT A VISION FOR EDUCATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

VICTORIA – The Premier's Technology Council (PTC) has released a special report outlining a vision for education in the 21st century. The report considers what skills and attributes will enable students to succeed in a knowledge-based society and how our education system could be transformed to address the rapidly changing global society.

“Students entering into the primary school system today are children of a global digital media society, exposed to an exponentially expanding and instantly accessible knowledge base and a rapidly changing world,” explained Greg Peet, co-chair of the PTC. “If the province of B.C. wishes to evolve as a knowledge-based society and compete as a knowledge-based economy, our education program needs evolve to prepare the next generation for that future.”

The PTC Vision for Education in the 21st Century details what skills will be critical in a knowledge-based society and then explains how education can be transformed to better focus on those skills. In particular, it discusses how education can be better tailored to each individual student through the use of technology and through an evolution of the roles of student, teacher and parent.

“Throughout its consultations, the PTC found a high level of consensus on this vision,” continued Mr. Peet. “Although British Columbia is already engaged in the process, we believe there needs to be a high priority on accelerating the pace of this change to truly transform our education system.”

The Premier's Technology Council was established in August 2001 to advise the government on issues related to the advancement and application of technology in British Columbia. More information about the council and copies of its reports and recommendations are available on the Premier's website at www.gov.bc.ca/prem – follow the link to Premier's Technology Council.

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