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PATHWAY TO EDUCATION CANADA HOSTS GERMAN DELEGATION TO DISCUSS BEST PRACTICES FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

(TORONTO) September 6 – Today, the President of the Bundesrat of the Federal Republic of Germany and Minister President of the State of North-Rhine-Westphalia, Mrs. Hannelore Kraft and her delegation of 50 business, government and media representatives met with Pathways to Education Canada to discuss interventions and supports for academic success, particularly in the context of integrating immigrants and strengthening communities.

“Pathways to Education Canada is delighted to have an opportunity to share its experience in supporting educational success with Madame President Hannelore Kraft and her delegation,” said David Hughes, President and CEO, Pathways to Education Canada. “The goal of Pathways is to provide youth with the means to graduate from high school and go on to achieve their full potential. We are also committed to sharing knowledge that we have gained along the way, leveraging the impact of our program to benefit the lives of at-risk youth across Canada and internationally.”

Madame President requested a meeting with Pathways to Education Canada after learning about the success it has had in reducing dropout rates among students in low-income communities across the country. Her hope was to learn strategies and tactics to improve academic outcomes, particularly in the context of supporting the integration of new immigrants and strengthening disadvantaged communities.

“When I learned of the success that Pathways has had in the communities in which it operates, I knew they would have some valuable information to share,” said Madame President Hannelore Kraft, President of the Bundesrat of the Federal Republic of Germany and Minister President of the State of North-Rhine-Westphalia. “After speaking with them today and seeing first-hand the impact that they have on students and communities across the country, I am again very impressed by their operations and will take the information back to Germany with hopes of improving our programs there.”

Since the Pathways program started in Regent Park ten years ago, the dropout rate has decreased by more than 70 per cent, while the number of students going on to college and university has increased by 300 per cent. The program has expanded across the country and is now available to students in eleven communities and in four different provinces.

The Pathways to Education program offers a comprehensive, results-focused methodology that sets it apart from other programs in its holistic approach to improving the opportunities of participating students. Pathways provides academic tutoring, group and career-oriented mentoring, student advocacy and financial assistance, including transit tickets or meal vouchers, as well as academic scholarships for post-secondary studies.

About Pathways to Education Canada – www.pathwaystoeducation.ca

Pathways to Education Canada is a charitable organization that helps youth in low-income communities graduate from high school and successfully transition into post-secondary education or training. Pathways addresses systemic barriers to education by providing leadership, expertise and a community-based program proven to lower dropout rates. Founded in 2001, Pathways operates in eleven communities across Canada, with programs in Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and Manitoba.

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