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Hilltop Tech Skills Challenge Builds on Success of First Year

Toronto, ON Wednesday, May 8, 2002 -- Based on a strong positive response to last year's competition, this year's Hilltop Tech Skills Challenge is being expanded to include teams of grade eight students from 13 west Toronto schools, up from seven last year. Each four-student team will design and construct a mechanism that uses hydraulics concepts from the Science and Technology curriculum to perform a defined task.

The Challenge, being held on Friday, May 17, 2002, is a partnership of the Canadian Fluid Power Association, Technology Teaching Systems, and the Toronto District School Board. In addition, each school is being sponsored by a CFPA member company.

"We want to get students excited about using technology to solve real world problems and to encourage them to think about careers in technology," says CFPA Education Co-Chair Alan Scott. "We also want to make teachers more comfortable with the fluids section of the Science and Technology curriculum and provide participating schools with a legacy of tools and materials for future years," he noted.

Members of the press are invited to attend the challenge, interview the students and photograph the students and their masterpieces. For maximum coverage in the minimum time, we suggest joining us between 1 and 2 p.m. to witness the completion of construction and testing which will be followed by demonstrations, judging and awards.

Event:	**Hilltop Tech Skills Challenge**	
Date:	**Friday, May 17, 2002**	
Location:	**TDSB West Offices, 1 Civic Centre Court, Etobicoke, near Burnamthorpe and the 427.**	
Agenda:	**9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**	**Construction and fine-tuning of projects**
	2:00 – 3:15 p.m.	**Team demonstrations for judges**
	3:15 – 3:30 p.m.	**Awards**

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