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This afternoon, the Premier is addressing the Liberal Caucus about our plan to create opportunity and security for people across Ontario. The livestream begins at 2:45 p.m.

[Watch the livestream here](#)

Also today:

- Ontario is improving business and technical training for people who work in the art and culture sector, helping them develop their careers and gain the skills to support growth and innovation in the sector. Harinder Malhi, Parliamentary Assistant to Eleanor McMahon, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, was at the Deaf Culture Centre in Toronto today to announce support for WorkInCulture, a not-for-profit organization that works with training organizations across the province to offer career development and business skills — such as marketing, financial and project management — to workers in the culture sector. This investment — which is part of Ontario's Culture Strategy — will also help WorkInCulture improve research and data collection in order to identify gaps, inform training development and deliver on current and future skills needs of the sector.

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- Ontario has reached a major milestone in the Hurontario Light Rail Transit (LRT) project, which will offer more transit options and improve commutes for people travelling in Mississauga and Brampton. The province has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to design, build, finance, operate and maintain the new LRT line. The Hurontario LRT project includes approximately 20 kilometres of new dedicated rapid transit between Port Credit GO Station in Mississauga and Gateway Terminal in southern Brampton, with 22 stops and connections to GO Transit's Milton and Lakeshore West lines. The LRT will provide commuters and families with a major new travel choice, will cut travel times and help manage congestion across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area. To learn more about what's happening in your community, please visit Ontario.ca/BuildON.

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Our government's plan to build a stronger, healthier Ontario includes historic new investments in health care, including free medications for everyone 24 and under who has OHIP coverage through the OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare Program, providing free average tuition to over 210,000 students starting fall 2017 and on-the-job learning opportunities to help land a great job, helping 100,000 more kids aged 0–4 access quality, licensed child care, making everyday life more affordable by reducing electricity costs by 25 per cent on average through our Fair Hydro Plan, and taking action to make housing more affordable for homebuyers and renters through our Fair Housing Plan.