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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## Toronto Raptors Host Basketball Clinic in Kahnawake

For immediate release

(Kahnawake – 4, Kenténha/October 2024) The Sports and Recreation Unit of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) is thrilled to announce that on Friday, October 4th, the Toronto Raptors hosted an exciting basketball clinic at the Kateri School gymnasium for local youth. The event featured a group of talented young basketball players who proudly represented Kahnawà:ke at the First Nations Education Council (FNEC) games.

Participants enjoyed a day filled with skill-building exercises, teamwork activities, and valuable tips from Raptors coaches and players. The clinic not only provided a platform for young athletes to enhance their basketball skills but also emphasized the importance of sportsmanship and community engagement. The Toronto Raptors are recognized as one of the most socially engaged organizations in North American sports, consistently at the forefront of promoting social change and advocating for inclusivity in both sports and society.

"We visited Kateri School: Kahnawà:ke Mohawk Territory with one purpose – to engage and reach Indigenous youth – and so we are thrilled to have met an enthusiastic and gifted group," said Toronto Raptors Vice-President of Organizational Culture and Inclusion John Wiggins. "Thank you to the MCK for the warm welcome and for the opportunity to bond through the game we all love."

"The event was a resounding success, with young athletes expressing gratitude for the opportunity to learn from some of the best in the sport," said Roiahtate Horn, Director of Sports and Recreation. "We are grateful for the continued partnership with the Toronto Raptors. It is exciting and inspiring to have professionals interact with our local aspiring athletes. We hope this event helps empower youth to reach higher levels through sports and academics."

The Sports and Recreation Unit would like to extend its sincere thanks to the Toronto Raptors for their invaluable contribution to our community and looks forward to future collaborations to support and uplift our young athletes.

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