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To Sharon Cote,

Firstly, I would to thank Stanley Black & Decker on providing such enormous support for the National skills showcase that was held in Winnipeg, MB this past June. What a performance our students from across Canada gave us this year!

RD Parker Collegiate is a high school located in the Northern Manitoba city of Thompson. Annually our school has a student enrollment of approximately 1100 students. We are very proud of the strong vocational programing that we offer to the students of RD Parker Collegiate. Like many other schools we have great instructors that provide students with the knowledge to be successful in a trade. Providing trade training is our first step that cannot happen without having proper tools. With the addition of the tools that we received from the Stanley Black & Decker Tool Enhancement Program we have been able to offer our students more hands on learning projects, student wait times for tools have been reduced drastically, our classes flow more efficiently ensuring all students are engaged at once and has reduced the need to rent tools. With the additional tools our student have completed various projects such as: the placement of shelving in our main hallway that supports our yearly graduating class time capsules and numerous carpentry projects requested by our schools prom decorating committee.

In closing, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Stanley Black & Decker and Skills Canada for this amazing contribution to our vocational program. I have enclosed a couple of pictures of some very happy students.

Sincerely

Mick Slack  
RDPC Vocational Department Head  
Heavy Duty Equipment Technician Instructor

With the importance of skilled trades people being needed more and more in Manitoba, especially in the north, RD Parker has a strong commitment to our Northern Skills, Provincial Skills, and National Skills showcases. We are looking to the future for our student body in providing long term employment for them here in Northern Manitoba by the means of our commitment to the skills movement. This type of tool enhancement donation to RD Parkers vocational programming would increase our student practicum competencies and provided our students with newer tools to better their skills for future skills Canada competitions.

