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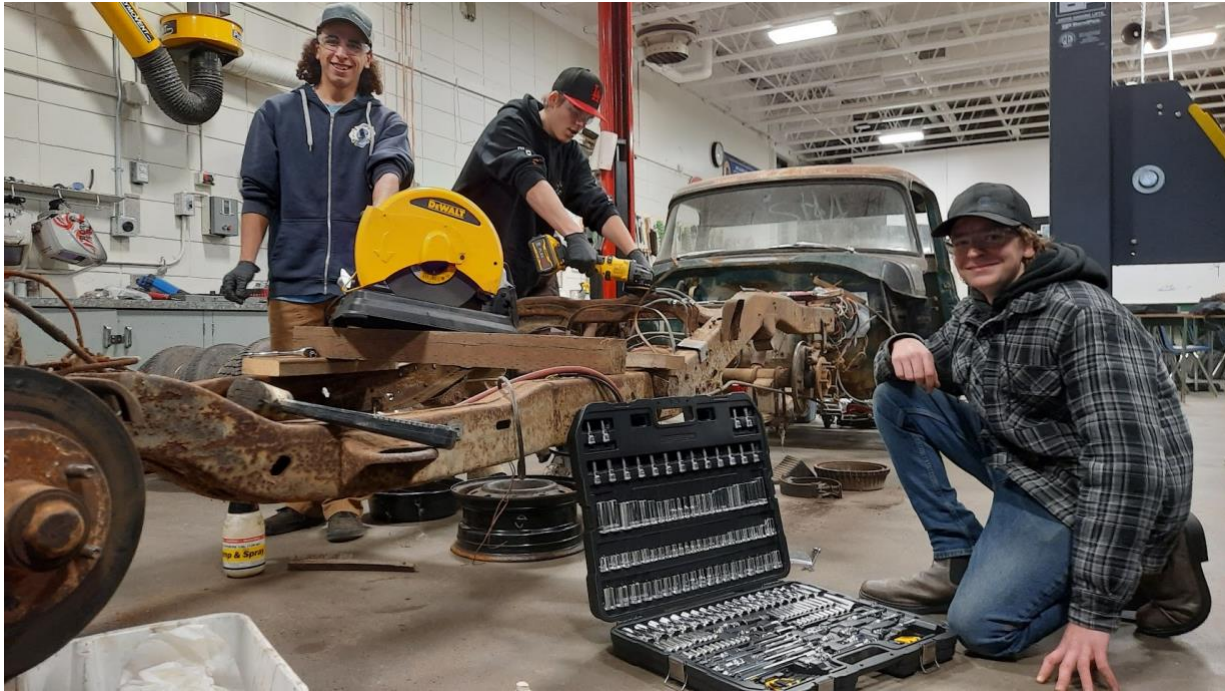
Re: DeWalt Tool Grant Testimonial

To: Skills/Compétences Canada,

The Comox Valley Schools Careers Department would like to thank Skills/Compétences Canada for being the recipient of the Stanley DeWalt tool grant. Below are a few examples of how the tools and equipment have been used this fall by students in different district programs to date.



**STEP Program @ Sandwick Technical School** – These students show off the received tools in our district program called STEP (Sandwick Technical Education Project) where students come 1 day a week to learn Trades Skills over a 4-week period. There are 3 levels of STEP each giving certifications and covering Plumbing, Electrical, Carpentry skills and culminating with their forklift certification.



**G.P. Vanier Secondary Automotive Program** - As some of the tools we received were specialized, many of the socket sets, the metal cut-off saw, a 60v grinder and a 60v polisher were given to the automotive program along with a few other specialty automotive tools. Students shown here are part of the “Vanier Speed” after-school club restoring a 56 Dodge pick up. Polisher currently not needed...



**Glacierview Alternate School** – November 9<sup>th</sup> - Day one “On Stage” with 14 students that will be participating for the first time in a woodworking elective at their school. They started clearing the stage in the gym as that was the only place in the school large enough to setup a “small shop space”. There will be locking cabinets, a portable table saw, mitre saw and a few other pieces of equipment along with a portable dust extraction unit eventually setup. As a group, day 1 included learning how to put a mitre saw and stand together without the teachers help, going through electrical requirements and making sure there was enough power to run the equipment, talking about trades and the safety aspect of working around machinery.



**District Grade 7 Try A Trade/Women In Trades** – There were many cordless drill/driver kits included in the pallets of tools from the grant. The careers department offers a district wide Try a Trade program and a Women In Trades initiative partly funded by ITA Youth and other supporting partners (BCCWITT) that several tools and especially the drill/driver combo kits have gone to. These two programs are based out of Sandwick Technical School in the fall and spring each year.

Once again, on behalf of the students and staff of the Comox Valley School District, thank you for the Stanley DeWalt tool grant.

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