Technical Vocational (Tec-Voc) High School is the largest high school in Manitoba, it is located in the Weston area of Winnipeg and is home to a diverse student body from many socio economic backgrounds. Tec-Voc welcomes students from all across Winnipeg and surrounding communities including northern Manitoba. Our current enrollment is over 1300 with a majority of those students enrolled in a vocational/technical course. Tec-Voc offers full academic programming along with the option to select from 19 technical/vocational courses including Welding Technology, Building Construction and Automotive Technology along with some lighter options including Professional Photography, Graphic Design, Broadcast Media and Design Drafting.

As anyone can imagine the wear and tear on tools in a high school setting and the replacement cost of those tools take a toll on our limited budgets and puts a strain on the learning environment. The tools received from DeWalt was a welcome addition to many of the programs and will serve the entire school. Many of the programs use cross curricular education as part of their learning that include building sets for the high school play, working on student vehicles and serving the community through work experience and volunteering. The teachers were extremely excited to see what they would be receiving for their programs and the students were more than happy to immediately start putting them to work. Tec-Voc prides itself on our student's achieving industry standards in terms of curriculum and work expectations. We also pride ourselves on providing industry standard tools and equipment for our students to learn with. Many of the students will carry on the tradition of using DeWalt tools as they move into the workforce. Tec-Voc would like to thank the great people at DeWalt for their generous donation, please know that it is appreciated more than words can express and will go a long way in our development of future tradespeople.

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