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Mount Baker Secondary is a school of approximately 950 students. MBSS offers extensive programs in Woodwork, Metalwork, Auto Mechanics, Electronics, CAD Drafting, Culinary Arts, Stage Craft, and a shop program for students with Developmental Disabilities. Mount Baker has been involved with Skills Canada since 1996, at the Regional, Provincial, and National levels. We have participated in Carpentry, Cabinetmaking, Robotics, CAD Drafting, Welding, Video production, Desktop Publishing, and Culinary Arts.

When the tools from Stanley Dewalt arrived last year, we took inventory and asked teachers to list their priorities. We distributed the tools to all the various programs based on their needs. Our students are benefiting greatly from this equipment, as budgets are small and any extra infusion of reliable tools is greatly appreciated!

First, the cordless tools have been very beneficial. It's great that they all use the same batteries, so they are interchangeable and require only one type of charger. They have also helped clear many trip hazards in the shop and are great for outside projects (reducing the chance of electric shock and tripping).

Second, all the tools have helped our programs. In some cases, they replaced old, tired equipment, and in other cases, they have supplemented our existing equipment. Teachers have to borrow tools less often from other programs. Additionally, since there are more tools, there is less waiting for a student to finish with a tool before another student can gain access and finish their project.

Thank-you very much for the donation from Stanley DeWalt tools! They are well used and appreciated by the students and the teachers.