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What can I say!!! When education funding is getting pinched at every imaginable funding source, a tool grant of nearly \$12,000 is like birthday, Christmas, and winning the lottery all on the same day!! The injection of tools from Stanley DeWalt enabled us to enrich the learning environment of every shop class in our district. While I applied on behalf of Stelly's Secondary (because our national level competitor made us eligible) I shared the wealth of this win fall across our district. I truly felt like Santa Claus when I saw the gleam in the eyes of both our teachers and our students when I made the drop offs to the respective school shops.

In my estimation, when it comes to acquisition of skills, kids learn best by doing! NOT by watching. We have way more kids learning by doing now as a direct result of the generosity extended to us by Stanley DeWalt. What's even better is kids are working with high quality, industry standard tools! This tool grant has given our Tech Ed and trade training ACE-IT programs a tremendous boost. People like me who are directly involved with Career Education and with Trade Training programs are continually hounding industry for more support. Stanley DeWalt has clearly taken the lead and set an example for all other potential industry partners on how to contribute to the improvement and advancement of skilled trades in our country.

We acknowledge Stanley DeWalt for their significant contribution to the advancement of skills training, and thank them for their generosity toward our students! Please allow me to express the heartfelt thanks from all of the Saanich shop teachers and their students who have benefited from this amazing tool grant.

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