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Prince Rupert School District No. 52 receives award for their commitment to training youth apprentices

The Youth Work in Trades Performance Award celebrates school districts for setting students on the path to a successful career in the skilled trades.

Prince Rupert, BC – The [Industry Training Authority](#) (ITA) has awarded Prince Rupert School District No. 52 (SD52) with the Youth Work in Trades Performance Award for having the highest number of Youth Work in Trades program registrants in their region. The award includes \$5,000 in additional funding to assist the district to further develop their [Youth Work in Trades](#) program.

Youth Work in Trades is a dual credit program that allows youth to begin a paid work-based training component of a skilled trades apprenticeship while still in secondary school. As 80 per cent of trades training takes place on the work site and 20 per cent takes place in the classroom, it is important that school districts provide students with the opportunity to gain awareness of what a career in trades looks like and get a head start on the crucial hands-on experience required for their trades training.

“By opening the doors of opportunity through the Youth Work in Trades program, I hope young people are inspired by the pathways to a long-lasting, good-paying career in the trades,” says Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training. “School districts like SD52 and the employers who help connect young people in the Prince Rupert area with the skills they need are adult allies in building up our youth, building the skilled workforce employers need, and building the best BC.”

“The Youth Work in Trades program is a great way for youth to get a head start on their careers,” says North Coast MLA Jennifer Rice. “I’m pleased to see the expansion of a program that increases opportunities for youth and contributes positively to our local economy.”

“Youth are the future of skilled trades in BC,” says Shelley Gray, Chief Executive Officer, ITA. “We’re thankful for the dedicated and committed school districts and educators that connect students to local employers through the ITA Youth Work in Trades program.”

“The mission of Prince Rupert School District No. 52 is to ensure each student successfully completes their educational program with a sense of hope, purpose, and control,” says James Horne, Board Chair, School District No. 52. “Many of our students find their success pursuing a

career in the trades, and we are pleased to receive this award recognizing the work of our district careers team.”

In addition to SD52, seven other school districts received a Youth Work in Trades Performance Award. Each school district presented with the award is considered a top-performer supporting trades work experience within their region.

About the Industry Training Authority (ITA)

The Industry Training Authority (ITA) leads and coordinates British Columbia’s skilled trades system. ITA works with apprentices, employers, industry, labour, training providers and government to fund training, issue credentials, support apprenticeships, set program standards and increase opportunities in the trades. For more information, visit itabc.ca.

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