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PROMAC, THE CONSTRUCTION FOUNDATION, AND THE BC METAL MANUFACTURING ADVISORY GROUP PULL TOGETHER FOR COWICHAN STUDENTS

Cowichan Valley, BC – The Cowichan Valley School District has partnered with local business [Promac Group](#), the [Construction Foundation of BC](#), and the BC Metal Manufacturing Advisory Group, to purchase and equip a Haas Mini Mill for students at Cowichan Secondary.

The state-of-the-art mill was purchased with funds from all parties and will now be used to teach students CNC (Computer Numerical Control) metal machining. This machine is an exciting addition to the Cowichan Secondary shops and will give students an introduction to current machining practices.

“The power of our community shines through in examples like this,” said Candace Spilsbury, Chair of the Board of Education for the Cowichan Valley School District. “We are so grateful to everyone who had a hand in purchasing this mill for our students. It truly takes a community to make a difference in the lives of students, and our strong partners came together for this.”

“We are very pleased to partner in this project and strengthen Promac’s focus of supporting our community by helping train our youth,” said Scott McKay, Vice President – GM of Promac Manufacturing.

Udo Jahn, General Manager Modern Engineering / Chair, BC Metal Manufacturing Advisory Group (BCMMAG) had this to add, “We launched the BC Metal Manufacturing Advisory Group with a vision to build the next generation of Machinists in BC. The process we have developed provides a variety of supports for educators and their students to help gain practical hands-on experience and knowledge in machining. Over the past year we have placed seven Desktop Mills in schools across the province, and we’re just getting started!”

The Haas Mini Mill was purchased for \$15,000 and will be running soon at Cowichan Secondary.

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