



# R.B. RUSSELL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

## Career Lab



### VISION

To cultivate meaningful relationships with the school community, gain valuable insights into the community's needs and use community feedback to inform decision-making for R.B. Russell programming and partnerships.

Through school community consultation sessions, surveys and meaningful conversations, we are amplifying community voices and recognizing the wisdom that guides the significance of living "The Good Life" - *Mino Bimaadiziwin*.



### SCHOOL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSIONS

#### What we are hearing:

- High interest and requests for more family and community events at the school
- More after school programs for youth
- Diversification of programs being offered - art, music, business
- Request for cultural events and learning: language, beading, creating cultural attire



#### Community School Programs



#### What we are doing:

- Inviting and including families and community for school events: Spring family celebration, MMIWG2S, Welcome BBQ in September
- Family Ojibwe Language Workshops every Tuesday
- Organizing after school programming, such as cooking programs for youth in our community
- Organizing workshops for various interests; some for skill building and others for interests and community engagement
- Improving communication about school opportunities



## What we are hearing:

- A multitude of technologies are being requested from sewing machines, serger machines, woodworking equipment, 3D printers, laser cutting machines, colour printers, computer technology
- There is an interest in skill building and cultural workshops
- A flexible space, where people can gather and learn new skills



## Inspiration Centre



## What we are doing:

- Gathering design and technology ideas from educational and industry partners
- Compiling lists of technologies needed to meet the needs, requests and interests of community
- Searching for and connecting with mentors for new workshops
- Investigating innovative technologies to engage students and community in new learning opportunities

## What we are hearing:

- Excitement for new training opportunities
- College courses in a comfortable, community school environment
- The need for career counselling to make informed choices about programs
- New opportunities for young people, close to home
- Supports such as child minding, nutrition and transportation to access programs



## Training Programs



## What we are doing:

- The Library Technician pilot cohort began in April
- The 5th Class Power Engineering cohort began in April
- Plans are under review to begin the Administrative Assistant program in September 2024
- Reviewing plans to add another Library Technician Cohort in the spring

## CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

The community report in June will highlight the collective insight of community and provide key recommendations for programming and school decisions. Moving forward, conversations will continue to shape the R.B. Russell Community Career Hub.