

Welding Assoc. makes \$150K grant to HDSB

The Halton Learning Foundation announced recently that the Canadian Welding Association (CWA) had made a \$150,000 commitment to support the welding education and pathways programs of the Halton District School Board.

It's a five-year pledge that will include a \$75,000 cash infusion plus another \$75,000 of in-kind services and support to establish the CWA Foundation Fund.

"The CWA Foundation is thrilled to partner with Halton Learning Foundation in providing support to students interested in pursuing

careers in welding," said Deborah Mates, executive director of the CWA Foundation.

"We look forward to working together in the development of a solid welding curriculum that will become a model for other school boards across the province and beyond."

The funds will be used to upgrade the welding facilities in high schools throughout Halton Region and provide training opportunities for students.

The HDSB is in the process of standardizing its curriculum in order to better prepare students for en-

try into the workforce.

David Lewis, HDSB co-ordinator for technological education and pathways, said, "This gift will enhance our program offerings, provide new resources and equipment for the program, provide professional development for teachers, and support the promotion of welding education at the primary and secondary levels."

Students can also apply to receive one of 25 scholarships made available annually by the CWA.

For more info, visit the website www.cwa-acs.org



The Canadian Welding Association has committed \$150,000 to the skills programs in the Halton District School Board over the next five years. Pictured from left at Georgetown District High School recently at the funding announcement are David Euale, HDSB director of education, HDSB co-ordinator technological education & pathways David Lewis, CWA Foundation executive director Deborah Mates, HDSB Trustees' chair Kelly Amos, Halton Learning Foundation board of directors' chair Karmel Sakran and its executive director, Lesley Mansfield.

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