



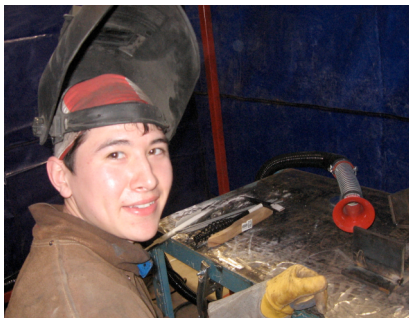
# NEWS RELEASE

School District #38 (Richmond)

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## **RICHMOND WELDING STUDENT WINS BRONZE IN THE NATIONAL SKILLS CANADA COMPETITION**



Richmond School District student, Chad Poon won a Bronze Medal in the Secondary School Welding competition at the Skills Canada National Competitions, held in Saskatoon last week. Poon is considered to be one of the best young welders in all of Canada.

Poon won a silver medal in a Regional Competition held last April and was invited to the Provincial Competition, where he won a gold medal and received an invitation to participate in the Nationals to represent BC. Poon was one of 11 secondary school students from across Canada, participating in the two-day national competition.

Poon is a McMath Secondary School student who elected to take the Welding Level “C” program through the district. This program, in partnership with Kwantlen University College allowed Poon to attend Welding classes and receive both Kwantlen credits and high school credits at the same time. As part of the agreement of the partnership, the School District paid for Poon’s tuition fees and the credits earned counted towards his high school graduation.

Poon, who is currently working as a welder, intends to continue on with his technical training and take Welding Level “B”. He has a bright and prosperous future ahead.

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