

LATTE Information

Merit Contractors Association, Alberta Construction Association and Red Deer Construction Association are funding a two-year Learning About Trades and Technology Education (LATTE) pilot program in the Red Deer area. We will be working with your local school divisions to offer this innovative hands-on professional development experience to teachers and administrators. We hope that you will take this unique opportunity to learn about and experience the exciting skilled-trades of the construction industry by joining us for LATTE. Below is a summary of the LATTE program.

Teachers or administrators are placed for two full workdays with a local construction company in order to fully experience the true nature of our positive industry. The program will operate on a one for one basis; meaning that LATTE will offer to financially cover a professional development day and the division will sponsor the other professional development days.

Our goal is that through this professional development, your experience will strengthen your ability to help students achieve the career-focused outcomes of the 2013 Ministerial Order on Student Learning Outcomes. By experiencing the world of construction first-hand, we hope this will assist you:

- to build long-term partnerships with business,
- provide students a realistic picture of construction careers, and
- demonstrate the relevance of their current studies as necessary tools for their future careers.

Middle School Participation!

On November 1st, a shop teacher from **St. Patrick's School** in Red Deer spent the day with **Chandos Construction** learning the various aspects of the construction industry. The morning was spent in the office learning how projects come together, current technologies, scheduling, budgeting, collaboration among our many trades and coordination. There was great discussion on how the Middle School curriculum is structured in their school including talk about subjects such as math, English and science and how they are applied in our industry. There was further discussion on how their shop is structured for use with their grade 5's as well as grades 6-8. The afternoon was then transferred over their St. Joseph High School site in which Chandos' Site Superintendent took the teacher through the massive site, pointing out how the school came together, the trades involved and the importance of collaboration to make the project successful. **Thank you to the St. Patrick's School and the staff at Chandos Construction.**



