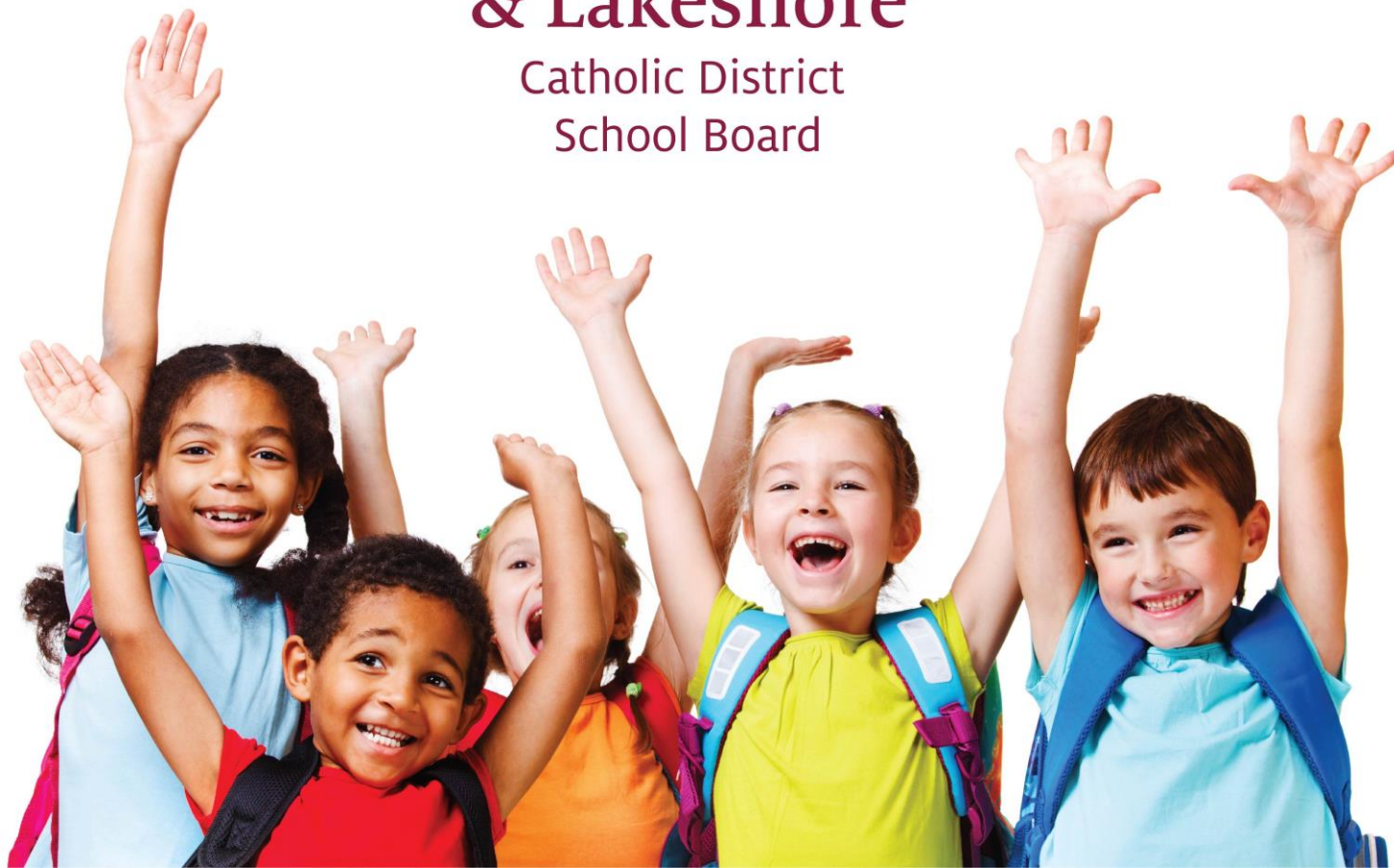




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## **OUR VISION |**

We imagine a world where all are empowered to reach their full potential through faith and service.

## **OUR MISSION |**

The ALCDSB builds faith-filled learning communities where each member is loved, inspired, and successful.

## **OUR PRIORITIES |**

- Faith
- Equity & Well-Being
- Achievement & Innovation
- Resource Management

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# Portfolio Development, Self-Advocacy & the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Job Hunt

*Supporting students in the understanding of how to build and share effective portfolios creates the opportunity for self-advocacy in the secondary and post-secondary classroom while building readiness to promote their skills in a competitive job market.*

*Corey Rump – SAT, Student Success*



# ALCDSB - Multi-Year Strategic Plan

## Achievement and Innovation

1. Ensure optimal academic achievement for all where students are at the centre of faith-filled teaching and learning.
  2. Empower students' capacity to lead their own learning, in order to embrace their God-given talents.
- **Pedagogy** – dangers of interpretation and application
  - **Student Centered** – making this a reality
  - **Self-Advocacy** – portfolios, goals, reflections and dialogue
  - **Portfolio Examples** – subjects, experiential learning, skilled trades
  - **Accessing all Pathways** – a skilled trades example



# Differentiated Instruction & Universal Design for Learning

- Concepts we can all get behind
  - **BUT...**
- Often misunderstood by teachers, administrators and results in placing classroom leaders at the center of the philosophy/approach
- Can be weaponized due to this misunderstanding...

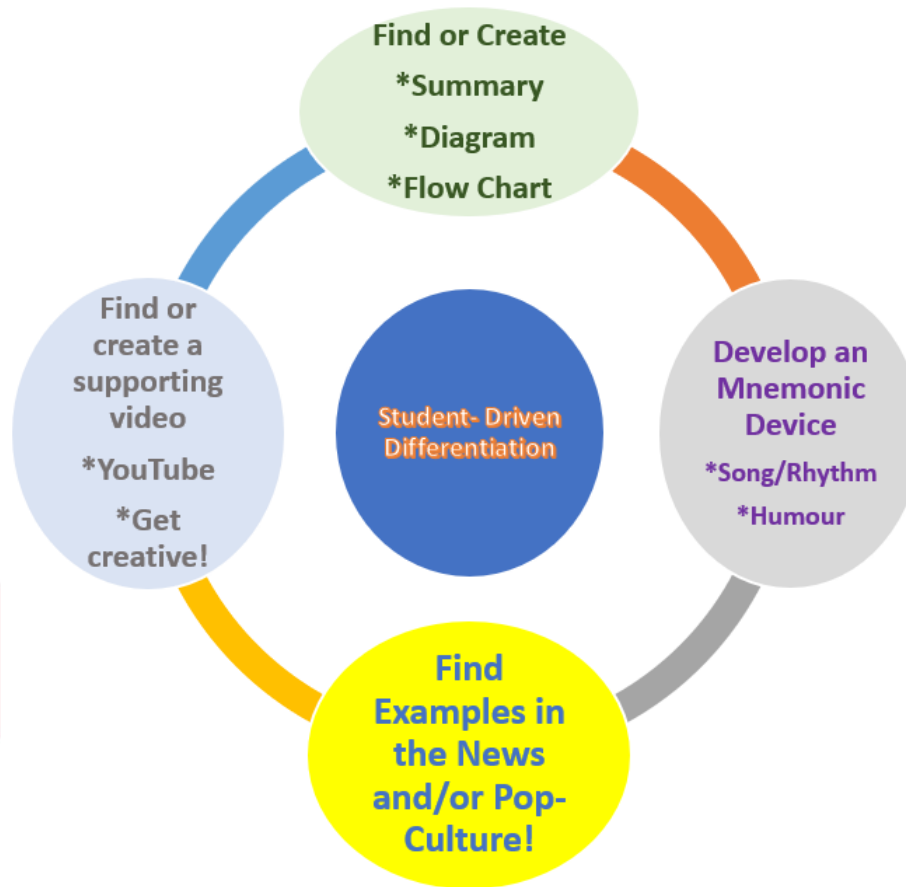


# Truly Student Centered...

- Means that students are empowered to explore and engage in concepts, to innovate and to solve problems using a variety of strategic tools/methods
- Create a classroom culture that intentionally builds self-advocacy skills through **student-driven differentiation**
- Your class becomes a research and development squad, loading the teacher's bag of tricks for future use



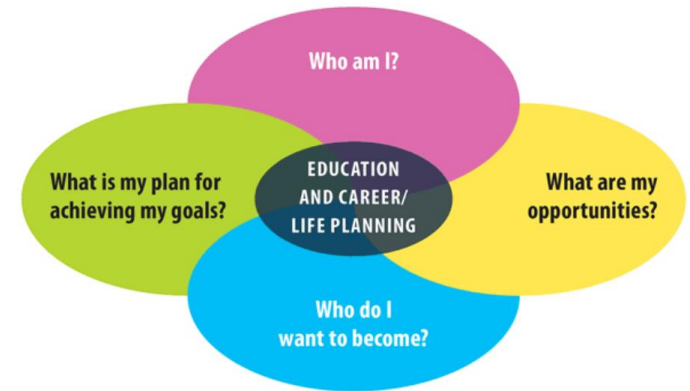
# Student Driven Differentiation



# Portfolios...

## Documentation of Learning, Skill Development, Achievements & Reflection

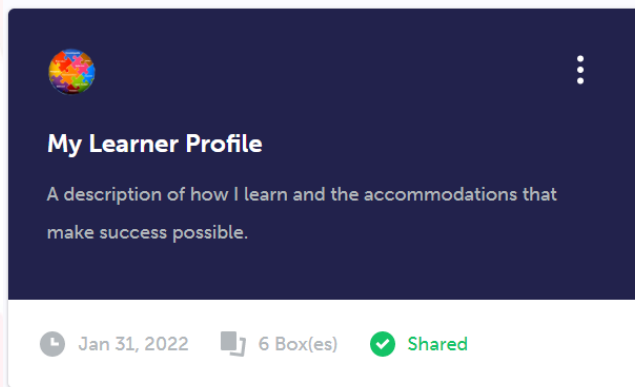
- Archived **proof of experience & learning**
- Teacher **feedback & coaching** mechanism
- Student **reflection & goal setting** for growth
- Easily shared with parents & guardians!
- Available for **self-advocacy** and shameless **self-promotion** 😊







# Learner Profile Portfolios...

- Develop self-awareness through metacognition and reflection **over-time...K-12 & beyond!**
- Recognizing strengths to lean on
- Identifying areas of need and weaving in small-scale exposure/use of these skills to allow for growth
- Building the ability to self-advocate by communicating needs to teachers/employers






# Math Transitions Portfolios...



## Grade 8 Math Transitions

This portfolio includes reflections on my areas of strength as well as areas which I need further work and growth. It also...

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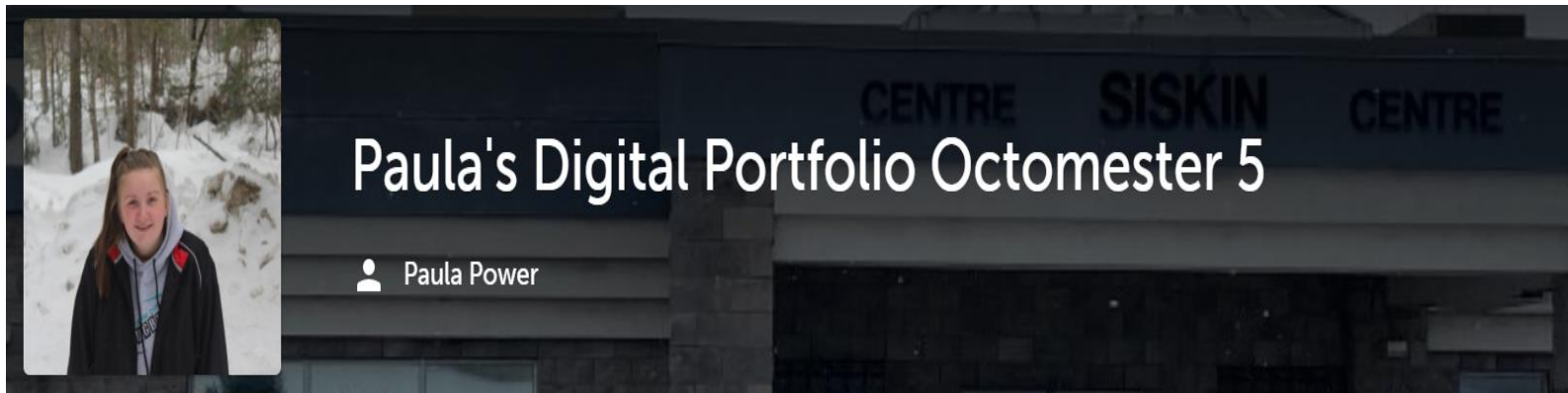
# Experiential Learning Portfolios




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# Cooperative Education Portfolios...



Paula's Digital Portfolio Octomester 5

 Paula Power



# Trends in the Skilled Trades...

- Canadian Apprenticeship Forum notes that **an average of 75,000 new apprentices will need to be hired per year in the next five years in order to meet demand** for skilled journeypersons in Red Seal trades. (Welder, Millwright, Bricklayer...)
- 22% of the current construction labour force is set to retire in the next decade.

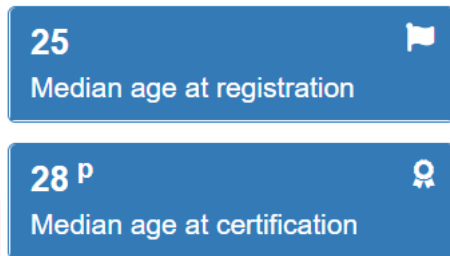
## Reference

[Government of Canada promotes in-demand skilled trades as a first-choice career path - Canada.ca](#)



# And yet...



- “...the average age of apprentices has increased, and the average age of new registrants is only slightly younger than the overall average. As a result, **individuals registered in formal apprenticeship training programs tend to be considerably older, on average, than is the case for students in other postsecondary education, at the college and university levels.**”



[Trends in Registered Apprenticeship Training in Canada \(statcan.gc.ca\)](https://www.statcan.gc.ca)






# Skilled Trades Portfolios...



## Automotive Technician

Automotive trades experiential learning.

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### Skilled Trades Portfolio Checklist

The checklist below contains a list of elements which should be present within any portfolio that is designed to document learning, and/or be shared with a potential employer or post-secondary institution to fortify a resume or entrance application.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Portfolio Elements	Level	Feedback for Improvement
• Evidence of <b>skills &amp; techniques</b> developed are included (photos/videos)		
• Evidence of <b>experience with tools &amp; machinery of the trade</b> (photos/videos)		
• Evidence of <b>safety standards and practices</b> have been included		
• Evidence of any <b>certifications</b> achieved has been included		
• At least <b>1 Goal</b> has been included in the portfolio		
• At least <b>2 reflections</b> have been included – (written, audio or video)		
• Evidence of <b>Secondary School opportunities</b> (OYAP, SHSM, Dual Credits)		
• Evidence of <b>career exploration</b> is included – At least 1 career <b>pathway related to the trade</b> being studied		
• Evidence of <b>possible post-secondary opportunities in the trade</b> being studied – At least 1 school, workplace or apprenticeship pathway is included		
• <b>Portfolio organization</b> – Use of colour coordination, editing and revising to ensure teachers/employers/school admissions can easily access and understand what is shared		

Student/Teacher Conference Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- ✓ Student collection of evidence of learning
- ✓ Documenting marketable experience, skills and achievements beyond grades
- ✓ Creating a powerful display to supplement or augment a basic resume





# Thank You!



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