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School District 52 Prince Rupert (www.rupertschools.ca) is pleased to announce they have been given a generous donation by Ridley Terminals Inc. (www.rti.ca) of \$138,507 that will support the school district's initiative to increase student awareness about computer coding and computational thinking. It will also ensure that students have a wide range of opportunities to develop coding skills along with embedded skills such as thinking logically, problem-solving, and working collaboratively to develop solutions.

Ridley Terminals Inc. donation will be used to provide teacher training, purchase classroom sets of robotic devices, and help support a yearly robotics celebration with parents and the community of Prince Rupert.

Schools kits will include Lego Mindstorms robotic kits, Sphero and VEX robots, and Little:Bits kits that allow students to conduct hands-on activities with remote sensors and control systems. These devices provide student teams with immediate feedback on their problem solving solutions and allow them to quickly test new solutions.

The Ridley Terminals Inc. funding will provide the engaging tools to support innovative learning experiences for our students.

"Ridley Terminals is extremely supportive of educational initiatives such as this one. It helps students gain the necessary skills to prepare them for the jobs of the future" says Marc Dulude, President, Ridley Terminals.

"Learning to code promotes problem-solving, collaboration, and logical thinking," says Ken Minette Superintendent of Schools. "The district thanks Ridley Terminals Inc. for their generous contribution and support of our students."

School District 52 Prince Rupert operates nine schools serving the communities of Prince Rupert, Metlakatla, Port Edward, and Hartley Bay, with a total student population of 1,980 and 413 staff.

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