

Superintendent's Report

SKILLS CANADA An Exploration of Talent & Opportunity



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Skills Canada BC

Middle School Competitions



- In February, Saanich Schools held preliminary competitions in 4 categories:
 - Gravity Vehicle
 - Spaghetti Bridge
 - Wind Turbine
 - Sumo Robot
- Winners moved onto the Skills Canada BC regional trades and technology competition in February hosted by Camosun College.





Skills Canada BC Local Competitions – Middle Schools

- **375** students from Bayside and North Saanich
- Develop practical skills, explore career paths, and build confidence through hands-on challenges.
- Learn transferable skills like problem-solving, communication, and time management.



Skills Canada BC Regional Competition - Middle Schools

98 Saanich students competed in the regional competition:

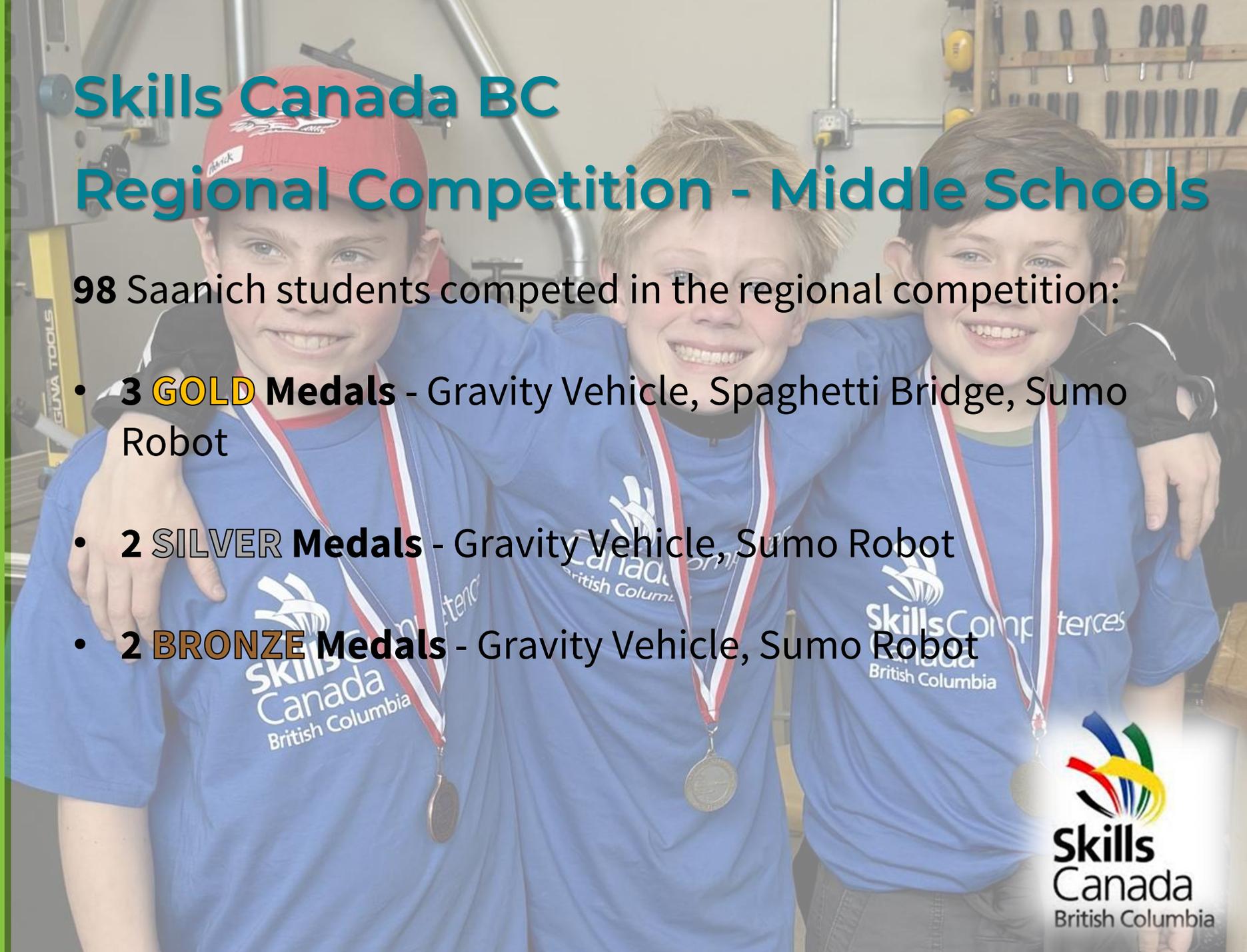
- **3 GOLD Medals** - Gravity Vehicle, Spaghetti Bridge, Sumo Robot
- **2 SILVER Medals** - Gravity Vehicle, Sumo Robot
- **2 BRONZE Medals** - Gravity Vehicle, Sumo Robot

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Skills Canada BC High School Competitions



17 Saanich Schools high school students participated in the Regional Competition

GOLD Medals

- Ryan Makuch: Carpentry - ILC
- Zoie Bhatti: Public speaking - Claremont
- Aaron Spaltholtz: Electronics - Claremont
- Trent Dolan: Photography - Claremont
- Jacob Hatfield: Web Design – Parkland

SILVER Medals

- Maria-Victoria Novoa: Public speaking Stelly's
- Daniel Lobb: Cabinetmaking -Stelly's



BRONZE Medals

- Liam Wieler: Photography - Parkland
- Mason Crowell: Carpentry - ILC





Skills Canada BC Provincial Championships April 15, 2026



Saanich Schools is sending **7 Middle School teams** and the **5 High School Gold Medalists** to the provincial competitions at the Abbotsford Trade and Exhibition Centre

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“The Skills competitions celebrate and reward students for their excellence in skilled trades and technologies.”

Dennis Innes, President, Skills Canada BC

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