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# NEWS RELEASE

## New Technology to Enhance Learning for Special Needs Students

**Kirkland Lake & Cobalt, May 4, 2012:**

The special education teachers at St. Jerome School, Tracy Lalande and Florence Eno, have partnered with the special education teacher, Melanie Fleury Dixon, at St. Patrick Catholic School in Cobalt to investigate how technology can play a part in enhancing the communication and reading skills of special needs students.

The project title is "Literacy Acquisition for Special Needs Students through Technology" and the Ministry of Education will be funding this unique project with a grant of over \$26,000.00.

Tracy Lalande, commented "We are always trying to find ways to enhance our teaching practice. This inquiry will allow us to broaden our practice to include new forms of technology and assist us on our journey towards becoming 21<sup>st</sup> century learners. We believe the use of iPads will enhance teaching and learning within and beyond the classroom."



The Ministry of Education will fund the purchase of 25 iPads with supporting tech and some applications. It also funds release time for the teachers involved to participate in Professional Development.

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