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City Schools Receive \$100,000 Grant From Lowe's *Funds will support Richmond Technical Center Bistro*

Richmond Public Schools has received a \$100,000 grant from the Lowe's Opportunity Program to help fund the RTC Bistro, a new culinary arts lab at the district's Richmond Technical Center.

Terry Johnson, regional vice president of Lowe's, presented the award at a recent meeting of the Richmond City School Board.

Richmond Technical Center students will help with the design and renovation of the space and will also operate, staff and market the hands-on demonstration food lab.

"The RTC Bistro concept is an innovative way to teach marketable skills to prepare students for the workplace," said N. Mauricee Holmes, principal of the Richmond Technical Center. "The Lowe's project will provide our students with an in-house internship to learn both practical and customer service skills."

School officials expect to open the RTC Bistro to the public in January 2010.

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