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## **RED RIVER COLLEGE POLYTECHNIC TO PROVIDE FREE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS IN EVERY BATHROOM STALL ACROSS CAMPUSES**

*RRC Polytech initiative will help offset [period poverty among students](#).*

Winnipeg, 25 November 2021 – Conor Lloyd, Director of College and Public Relations at RRC Polytech announced the initiative to provide free menstrual products for students. Sanitary product dispensers will be available in every stall in every bathroom across campuses effective January 4, 2022. The initiative aims to remove barriers and provide accessible education for students.

“At Red River College Polytechnic, we strive to provide barrier-free and accessible education for everyone,” said Conor Lloyd. “Menstruation isn’t a choice, and no student should ever have to choose between personal hygiene and their education.”

RRC Polytech is the first college in Canada to offer this type of support for students. The college put out a Request for Proposal and is now partnering with college graduates Aldin Sabic and Mackayla Essery to create the dispensers.

Research shows that many Canadians who menstruate are faced with [period poverty](#), which creates both financial and accessibility [barriers to their education](#).

“Removing barriers to education doesn’t start and end with financial supports,” said Conor Lloyd, “It also includes things like transportation, childcare, healthcare, and personal hygiene products are part of that too.”

*Red River College Polytechnic is Manitoba’s largest institute of applied learning and research, with more than 200 full- and part-time degree, diploma, and certificate options. With eight campuses across the province, RRC Polytech uses hands-on learning experiences and state-of-the-art instruction to prepare students to become leaders in their fields.*

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