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Drone Training Takes Place at OHS

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The sky's the limit for O'Gorman High School's Shannon Johns, Lisa Romanowski, Andrew Schaer and Pamela Vincze. The four teachers have their sights set on bringing RPAS (remotely piloted aircraft systems) into their classrooms and the wider school community this fall. Much like personal computers and cellular devices before them, drones are a disruptive technology that has far-reaching applications.

Delivery of goods to remote locations, inspection of buildings and bridges, land surveys, and wildlife population tracking are just the tip of the iceberg. O'Gorman High School has entered into a partnership with Volatus Aerospace Corporation to get their drone program off the ground.

Volatus is a trailblazer in the \$58 billion global drone market. The company provides integrated drone solutions for commercial, industrial and defense applications, maximizing the potential of drone technologies around the world. Since 2017, Volatus has offered a Drones in the Classroom program that supports STEAM education through innovative ideas and technology. Volatus Aerospace educational programming provides a direct link between the drone industry and educators, and it enables teachers to effectively meet curriculum expectations through the safe, meaningful and legal use of drones.

In preparation for in-person training, the four OHS teachers completed Volatus Aerospace's forty-hour Advanced RPAS Ground School course. This intense online training is designed to successfully prepare RPAS pilots to write Transport Canada's Small Advanced RPAS exam (the first step in obtaining an Advanced Operations RPAS certificate in Canada). Under the guidan

