Teacher pairs at Ackman Middle College High School demonstrate a ‘car’ for the students in his ‘Robotics’ class. With the SMART program, says Ford, schools in the district have found a way to include science and technology into the curriculum by providing students with hands-on experience in driving, robotics, and computer programming. Ford explains that the program has been successful in engaging students by providing them with the opportunity to work on a project that they can take home and share with family and friends.

"It's important to expose students to these technologies at an early age," Ford says. "By the time they reach high school, they'll have a better understanding of how these technologies work and how they can be used in their careers.

"The students are excited to learn new skills and they're motivated to do well in their studies," Ford adds. "The program has been a huge success and we're looking forward to seeing what the future holds for these talented students."