OLTD 506 - REFLECTION 2

Learning Outcome - Share integrated resource resources

I have chosen one piece of evidence, which was created in October of 2015, to demonstrate support for the above learning outcome from the course OLTD 506 - Special Topics: Social Media. This evidence document is a collection of the activities required in the "Tool Specific Knowledge' portion of the course. The goal of this assignment was to synthesize what was learned and created in this unit including a Tool Overview, Policy Context, Permission Form, and Parent/Student Background Information Form.

As an online educator, I have mainly been working within a Moodle platform. The OLTD 506 course has presented me with knowledge that has made me realize that social media tools could be a good addition to several of my online courses. In particular, using 'Weebly' to function as an online portfolio for my Art 10 and Art 12 students, was the first social media tool that came to mind. This evidence piece is an accumulation of my research into 'Weebly', and my creation of a Permission Form and a Parent/Student Weebly Background Information document.

It was very helpful to take the time to learn more about 'Weebly'. I was obviously familiar with the tool since it is what I have chosen to use to present my own ePortfolio. However, it was relevant to not only take the time to really investigate 'Weebly', but also create the documents that would be necessary if I were to use 'Weebly' in one of my online courses.

As part of this reflection, I need to ask myself an important question. How could what I experienced when working with a social media tool help me in my job now, to help me further develop my existing courses, and to create new courses that are engaging, structured well, and supportive? To answer this question, I feel quite confident that I can implement 'Weebly' into my Art 10 and Art 12 online art courses, in the ways described in this evidence piece. I have the forms required, and feel comfortably with the tool, and with the way I am implement it. In addition, I feel like I will be able share this resource with colleagues, and I will be able to justify using 'Weebly' to enhance my courses, particularly in the areas of student engagement and cooperation.