

Staples and Earth Day Canada announce top 100 finalists for the 2019 Superpower your School Contest

Schools are in line to win one of 10 prizes of \$20,000 in new technology

RICHMOND HILL, ON, March 26, 2019 – The top 100 finalists for the 2019 Superpower your School Contest have been announced by Staples Canada and Earth Day Canada. The finalist schools are leaders in environmental change in the communities they work, learn and grow within. The schools are now in the running to win one of 10 shopping sprees of \$20,000 in new technology products from Staples Canada.

"Each year we look forward to reading the entries submitted by educators and students who are creating innovative programs that help protect the environment," said David Boone, Chief Executive Officer, Staples Canada. "The schools continue to motivate us and we are thrilled to help support them with the tools they need to maximize the potential of these programs."

Conducted by a panel of volunteer organizations interested in sustainability, the final judging takes place in the weeks leading up to Earth Month and the 10 winners – five elementary and five secondary schools – will be announced in April. Winners receive \$20,000 each towards the purchase of new technology from Staples Canada.

"These 100 finalists were chosen because their institutions stand out for their environmental leadership to teach current and future generations about the importance of sustainable development," said Deb Doncaster, President, Earth Day Canada. "We love seeing projects and programs like these that encourage and educate students and their communities on how to live eco-friendly lifestyles."

The list of 100 finalists can be found at <u>www.staples.ca/powereco</u>.

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About Earth Day Canada

Celebrated every year on April 22, Earth Day is the largest environmental event in the world. Earth Day Canada is a national charity that inspires and supports people across the country to connect with nature and build resilient communities. It leads an annual Earth Day campaign in conjunction with year-round, award-winning programs that get people outside, interacting with the environment — this, in turn, fosters an intrinsically motivated, enduring commitment to stewardship and conservation. Earth Day Canada works with children and youth through its EcoKids and EarthPLAY programs, which focus on putting outdoor play back into the lives of

children by addressing play provision in schools, parks, streets, and community green spaces. Visit <u>earthday.ca</u> for more information, or visit us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>.

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