

## Ten Canadian schools win \$20,000 in new technology from Staples Canada for their environmental contributions

**Richmond Hill, ON, April 17, 2019** – Ten eco-conscious schools across Canada have each won \$20,000 in new technology products from Staples Canada as part of the 2019 Superpower your School Contest. The \$200,000 in technology awarded by Staples Canada will provide the winning schools with tools to support students' educational growth. The ten winning schools were chosen by an external judging panel that consists of environmental leaders for their commitment to helping the environment.

The contest is held annually by Staples Canada and Earth Day Canada to mark Earth Month and recognizes Canadian schools paving the road to solidifying youth participation in environmental protection. As one of Canada's largest technology retailers, Staples Canada is proud to reward new technology to these schools who are teaching current and future generations about the importance of sustainable development. The program first launched in 2011 and has awarded over \$2 million in tech products to 90 schools.

"Our customers include many students, teachers and parents who strive to make positive impacts within their communities through learning," said David Boone, Chief Executive Officer of Staples Canada. "Providing the future generation of leaders access to the tools necessary to grow their innovative environmental projects through the Superpower your School contest is another way we are living our commitment to our customers and communities as The Working and Learning Company."

The winners – five elementary and five secondary schools – were chosen from close to 500 applications submitted across the country.

"The winning schools are emerging leaders in green living," said Deb Doncaster, President of Earth Day Canada. "From school-wide commitments to compost and recycling to student-run greenhouses and gardens, these student-led initiatives are inspiring and motivating. We are proud to partner with Staples Canada to ensure that these programs are supported with the technology needed to offer students new engaging ways of teaching others."

The winning schools are identifying areas where they can make positive environmental change within their communities. One winning school found that 60 to 80 per cent of items deemed garbage were compostable materials. Another collected 80 kilograms of garbage and 20 kilograms of recycling from a local creek.

Winners of the 2019 Staples Superpower your School Contest are:

### Atlantic Canada

- Elementary: Hampton Elementary School, Hampton, New Brunswick
- Secondary: Centre scolaire Samuel-de-Champlain, Saint-Jean, New Brunswick

### Ontario

- Elementary: Central French Immersion Public School, Grimsby, Ontario
- Secondary: Eastwood Collegiate Institute, Waterloo, Ontario

## Quebec

- Elementary: École Ste-Thérèse-de-l'Enfant-Jésus, St-Jérôme, Quebec
- Secondary: École secondaire Serge-Bouchard, Baie-Comeau, Quebec

## Western Canada

- Elementary: St. Patrick School, Taber, Alberta
- Secondary: J. H. Bruns Collegiate, Winnipeg, Manitoba

## British Columbia and Yukon

- Elementary: Ferris Elementary School, British Columbia
- Secondary: Claremont Secondary School, British Columbia

“We hope the new technology allows these schools to amplify their efforts as environmental leaders within their communities,” Boone adds. “The technology will allow these schools to communicate their environmental initiatives to their communities and beyond.”

To learn about the winning projects, visit [staples.ca/powereco](http://staples.ca/powereco).

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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 [earthday.ca](http://earthday.ca) for more information, or visit us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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