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School Awarded \$50,000 computer lab for eco-responsibility
Staples Canada donates computer lab to students for their eco-efforts

Richmond Hill, ON, February 16, 2011 – Staples Canada has awarded a computer lab valued at \$50,000 to Dover Bay Secondary School in Nanaimo, BC, for eco-responsible improvements made within their school, community and families.

This is the first time the retailer has awarded a computer lab. “We were absolutely delighted with the sheer number of responses from schools! After pouring through all the essays, it was clear that students care deeply about preserving the environment and do want to make a difference to the future of our planet,” said Steve Matyas, president of Staples Canada. Canadian students were invited to enter the contest by writing a 500-word or less online essay about the actions they took to help their school and community become more eco-responsible.

“It’s great to see students getting their hands dirty and making compost, recycling cartons, putting together solar panels for the school to use, and taking learning from the classroom into the community. I’m happy Staples can donate new technology to further develop their research and understanding of the environment,” said Matyas. The office supply retailer has also awarded a second place prize of a \$5,000 gift card and a collection of eco-supplies to W.C. Miller Collegiate, Altona, MB, and a \$1,000 gift card to Heritage Park Secondary School in Mission, BC.

Staples would also like to acknowledge their partners, Earth Day Canada, earth cycle planning inc., Green Learning, and Direct Energy for their work in judging the contest entries.

Visit www.staples.ca/recycleforeducation for more information.

About Staples Canada

Founded in Toronto in 1991, Staples Canada Inc. is Canada's largest everyday low price supplier of office supplies, business machines, office furniture and business services for the small business and home office customer. The chain operates stores in all provinces across Canada under the banners Staples® Canada and Bureau en Gros^{MC}. Marketing Magazine's Marketing/Leger 2009 Corporate Reputation Survey ranked Staples Canada/Bureau en Gros in the top five. The company has over 13,500 employees serving customers through more than 320 office superstores, catalogue, and e-commerce. Staples/Bureau en Gros is committed to making shopping easy by offering customers three ways to shop: online, by catalogue and in-store. More information is available at www.staples.ca.

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