

**100 eco-conscious schools are announced as finalists in the
Superpower you School Contest**
Top 10 winners revealed April 22

TORONTO, March 14, 2017 – One hundred environmentally conscious Canadian schools are one step closer to winning \$25,000 in technology. Today, Staples Canada announced the regional finalists for its 2017 Superpower you Contest, which recognizes elementary and secondary schools that are helping the environment by implementing innovative eco-programs.

The 100 schools will now advance to a second round of judging where 10 schools from five different regions will be selected to receive \$25,000 each towards the purchase of new technology from Staples Canada. The list of 100 finalists can be found at Staples.ca/PowerEco. Final 10 winning schools announced April 22.

“Our judges were blown away by the quality and scale of some of the eco programs that these schools are implementing,” said Mary Sagat, president of Staples Canada. “Their passion for making a difference is inspiring. We thank all of the schools who entered the contest and congratulate the 100 finalists for their outstanding commitment to doing their part to improve the environment.”

Now in its seventh consecutive year, the contest is held in collaboration with Earth Day Canada and saw more than 700 entries from publicly funded elementary and secondary schools across Canada.

“It’s been amazing to see the level of innovation and creative thinking happening in our schools,” said Deb Doncaster, president of Earth Day Canada. “The next generation of environmental leaders are very dedicated to the cause, and they’re ready to take action now.”

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Earth Day Canada (EDC), a national environmental charity founded in 1990, provides Canadians with the practical knowledge and tools they need to lessen their impact on the environment. In 2004, it was recognized as the top environmental education organization in North America for its innovative year-round programs and educational resources by the Washington-based North American Association for Environmental Education. In 2008, it was chosen as Canada's "Outstanding Non-profit Organization" by the Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication. EDC regularly partners with thousands of organizations in all parts of Canada. To donate to Earth Day Canada, please visit www.earthday.ca/donate.

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