



Press Release

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## **Vancouver Island Students Become Climate Change Superheroes**

Victoria, BC—Thousands of Vancouver Island students will be taking charge of their own contributions to climate change and becoming superheroes in the process, thanks to the Climate Change Showdown, an innovative in-class workshop being delivered by the BC Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA).

The Showdown had its island launch at a Victoria middle school last week, and will be delivered to more than an hundred Grade 5 and 6 classes in the CRD and in other communities on Vancouver Island and throughout B.C. The Showdown will deliver the message of action on climate change to 500 classes and 15,000 families across the province during the upcoming school year.

The free Climate Change Showdown workshops are a fun and informative way to engage students in the scientific, social and technological issues surrounding climate change. As well as providing vital information about climate change, the program will result in a significant reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and will improve air quality through the actions of participating students and their families.

Victoria's inaugural Climate Change Showdown workshop was delivered last week at Central Middle School, to enthusiastic response. Central's vice-principal Ken Andrews said the presentation "provided our students with important information and generated a great deal of excitement about creating the kind of future they desire as the citizens and leaders of tomorrow."

"This is an excellent opportunity for both teachers and students to enter the Climate Change Showdown contest taking the fun learning to the next step of real lasting behaviour change and tangible action," said BCSEA vice-president Scott Sinclair.

The BCSEA is able to offer the Climate Change Showdown workshops thanks to generous contributions from Environment Canada, Vancity, City of Vancouver, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, City of Coquitlam and City of Richmond.

To learn more about the Climate Change Showdown Project, visit [www.bcsea.org/ccshowdown/](http://www.bcsea.org/ccshowdown/)

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