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Thames Valley and Ameresco welcome Dr. David Suzuki

One of London Central Secondary School's most celebrated graduates is coming home. The Thames Valley District School Board, in partnership with Ameresco Canada Inc., is pleased to welcome Dr. David Suzuki to London Central Secondary School on Monday, November 7. Dr. Suzuki will speak to Central students beginning at 1:00 p.m. Dr. Suzuki, who graduated from Central in 1954, is an award-winning scientist, environmentalist, and broadcaster. His presentation – Caring for the Earth Begins With ME – will focus on environmental stewardship, and the responsibility that human beings have to protect and preserve the planet. Following the presentation, Dr. Suzuki will participate in a special ceremony on the school grounds, where a tree will be planted by students in his honour. "Dr. Suzuki has dedicated his life to discovery, progress, and education," said Director of Education Bill Bryce. "I have no doubt that his knowledge, insight, and passion will inspire students to adopt environmentally responsible habits in their lives, which is a key to creating positive change in the future." Ameresco Canada Inc. is Thames Valley's energy partner in the TVDSB Energy Management Initiative. Through the initiative, the Board has invested \$36-million in energy conservation measures to ensure a sustainable, environmentally-friendly future across the District. The program focuses on upgrades to lighting, HVAC, water, building envelopes and controls to improve energy efficiency and reduce costs in 197 TVDSB buildings and 229 portables. Thames Valley District School Board is one of our leading edge school board partners, with the highest gross annual energy savings (of approximately \$3 million) through their hard work and commitment to enhance the learning environment for TVDSB students and staff.", explains Anthony DaSilva, Chief Operating Officer, Ameresco. As a founder of the Better Schools Partnership, Ameresco Canada Inc. works closely with school districts across the country to reduce energy waste and convert the cost savings to school-renewal.

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