



Media Release

## **Dr. David Suzuki School in Windsor has chosen GTA based Bioroof to design and plant green roof**

(Burlington, Ontario, October 15, 2009) Designed to be the most environmentally friendly school in Canada, the Dr. David Suzuki Public School in Windsor will incorporate a host of green features, including a planted green roof, a grey water recycling system and a solar and geothermal heating.

Named after the world-renowned environmental guru and host of the influential and long running television series, the Nature of Things, this is the first time Dr. Suzuki has allowed his name to be used for a school.

One of the most visible green attributes of the public school will be its green roof. The team which submitted the winning design includes Wilk & Associates, Wytech Building Envelope Solutions, Tremco Roofing, Landsource Organix and Bioroof Systems. This team was selected for their commitment to ecological and environmentally friendly products and their building techniques.

Bioroof's EcoSystem green roof was chosen because of its unmatched ability to manage stormwater, accommodate native plants and increase cooling benefits.

Rick Buist, President of Bioroof Systems observed "the 5,000 square foot roof will save energy and maximize the opportunity for students to learn about ecology. Included in the design is a *Truth Window* – a Plexiglas window viewable to students showcasing the individual components of the green roof."

The architect of record, Greg McLean of McLean + Associates Architects, is striving to meet the highest LEED standard (a design rating system that ensures a building meets higher than required energy efficiency standards) for the school. Bioroof Systems, based in Burlington, were selected due in part to their ability to source products from renewable resources, use content manufactured locally and their commitment to sustainability – all characteristics required to receive a LEED designation.

Students enrolled at the Dr. David Suzuki Public School, a school part of the Greater Essex County District School Board, will enjoy their first day of school in September 2010.

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**For more information about Mr. Buist and Bioroof Systems is available at [www.bioroof.com](http://www.bioroof.com)**

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*Rick Buist, President, Bioroof Systems has been designing, installing and manufacturing green roofs in the Ontario marketplace for most of the past decade and has been involved in more than 100 projects across the country, including the award-winning Canadian War Museum in Ottawa, the Manitoba Hydro Building in Winnipeg and Covenant House in Toronto. He currently sits on the Board of Directors of Green Roofs for Healthy Cities, the North America Industry Association and chairs the Corporate Members Committee. Mr. Buist will be part of a panel discussion at CitiesAlive!, the International Green Roof Congress being held in Toronto from October 19 to 20 which will discuss the impacts of the new green roof by-law in Toronto and the potential market drivers for increasing the demand for green roofs throughout Ontario.*