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CDSBEO EQAO Assessment Results: Trend of Success Continues

Kemptville, ON – The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) has released results of assessments administered to Grade 3, 6 and 9 students during the 2006-2007 school year. The results show that the effort of all staff in the implementation and development of Board programs and initiatives has continued to have a positive effect on the number of CDSBEO students meeting or exceeding the provincial standard.

Superintendent of Education Jane McMillan said, "The results indicate that our students have made steady gains over the last several years. The strategies that we have put in place and the hard work of our staff and students have resulted in excellent progress."

Grade 3 Results

Since 1997-1998, the number of CDSBEO Primary students meeting or surpassing the provincial standard in Reading has increased by 30% to the current level of 64% for 2006-2007. Over the same time period, the number of students meeting or exceeding the provincial standard in Writing has climbed 18% to the current level of 60% and Mathematics assessment results have risen by 40% to the current level of 70%. (Results based on all students enrolled in Grade 3, including those who did not participate.)

Grade 6 Board Results

Since the beginning of province wide testing, the number of CDSBEO Grade 6 students meeting or exceeding the provincial standard in Reading has jumped from 43% to 65%, the number of successful students in the Writing assessment has risen from 43% to 55% and in Mathematics, assessment results have risen from 36% to 59%. (Results based on all students enrolled in Grade 6, including those who did not participate.)

Grade 9 Board Results

CDSBEO has also seen significant gains in the number of Grade 9 students meeting or exceeding the provincial standard in both the Applied and Academic Mathematics Assessments. Since 2000-2001, the number of successful students in the Applied Mathematics assessment has risen 44% to 61% in 2006-2007. The number of students meeting the provincial standard in the Academic Mathematics assessment has risen 32% to 74% in 2006-2007.

Superintendent McMillan stated, "Our staff works closely with the EQAO data and our own data year after year to help further refine our mathematics programs and continue our upward trend of more students meeting or exceeding the provincial standards. These excellent results are a testament to the outstanding effort put forth by our students and staff."

Promising Results

The results are a clear indication that the Board's long-term literacy and numeracy strategy is producing a positive outcome. Director of Education Bill Gartland stated, "Our Catholic educators and administrative staff engage in continuous professional dialogue to further develop our literacy and numeracy programs. As a result, we are able to focus on individual student needs and help our students achieve even greater gains in the areas of literacy and numeracy."

Board Chair Ron Eamer commended the cooperative effort by all staff. "The dedication our teachers and administration have for student success is proudly displayed in our outstanding EQAO results year after year. Our students should be proud of what they have achieved and for maintaining the outstanding work ethic required to earn such a positive outcome."

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