



ALGONQUIN AND LAKESHORE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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Catholic Board Shows Improvement in Primary and Junior Division Assessment Results in Reading and Writing

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board today released the annual Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Reading, Writing and Mathematics provincial assessment results for its Primary and Junior students. Grade 3 students in the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board demonstrated improved achievement results in the Primary assessment with a 7% gain in Reading and a 1% gain in Writing. Assessment results for Primary Mathematics remained unchanged. Grade 6 students demonstrated improved achievement results in the Junior assessment with a 4% gain in Reading and a 3% gain in Writing. Assessment results for Junior Mathematics remained the same as the previous year.

"We are pleased to see continued growth in Reading and Writing" said David Giroux, Superintendent of School Effectiveness. "Our Board results are at an all-time high in these two areas. Performance in the area of Mathematics continues to be a challenge across the province. One of the core priorities of our Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement will include a focus on Primary Numeracy."

A total of 741 Grade 3 students and 786 Grade 6 students within the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board were eligible for the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Primary and Junior assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics in May and June, 2014. The assessments measure the Reading, Writing and Mathematics knowledge and skills that students are expected to learn by the end of the primary and junior divisions.

"The Board is pleased with the increase in overall achievement results this year and will focus efforts on Primary and Junior numeracy" said Tom Dall, Chair of the Board. "We forge ahead with great teaching and learning for our students."

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The performance reported for all students who are achieving at or above the provincial standard is outlined below.

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Grade 3 (Primary)	Reading % at or above Provincial Standard		Writing % at or above Provincial Standard		Math % at or above Provincial Standard	
	Board	Province	Board	Province	Board	Province
2013-2014	68	70	74	78	60	67
2012-2013	61	68	73	77	60	67
2011-2012	58	66	67	76	61	68
2010-2011	62	65	70	73	66	69
2009-2010	59	62	64	70	66	71
2008-2009	60	61	63	68	69	70
2007-2008	58	61	59	66	63	68
2006-2007	61	62	59	64	68	69
2005-2006	57	62	59	64	61	68
2004-2005	56	59	55	61	64	66
2003-2004	47	54	51	58	58	64
Grade 6 (Junior)	Reading % at or above Provincial Standard		Writing % at or above Provincial Standard		Math % at or above Provincial Standard	
	Board	Province	Board	Province	Board	Province
2013-2014	79	79	76	78	49	54
2012-2013	75	77	73	76	49	57
2011-2012	75	75	75	74	55	58
2010-2011	74	74	73	73	60	58
2009-2010	70	72	67	70	59	61
2008-2009	69	69	64	67	57	63
2007-2008	67	66	66	67	59	61
2006-2007	65	64	56	61	59	59
2005-2006	66	64	62	61	59	61
2004-2005	61	63	54	59	54	60
2003-2004	54	58	50	54	51	57

EQAO assessment results are one important tool used by teachers and principals to identify areas requiring attention and to develop further strategies to improve student achievement.

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board has implemented numerous strategies to improve student learning in the areas of Language and Mathematics. Some examples are:

- Opportunities for job-embedded professional learning for teachers focusing on effective instruction.
- Refinement of data based improvement planning and monitoring at all levels.
- Implementation of the Ministry of Education's revised School Effectiveness Framework.
- Provision of teacher and student resources for classrooms, bookrooms and libraries in support of comprehensive literacy and numeracy programs.

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Parents will receive their child's individual student report and their school report later in September, 2014. These reports provide parents with details regarding their child's achievement in the context of their school community. This, along with the elementary progress report card, will provide young learners and their families with detailed information about achievement. Using this data, teachers, parents and students can better plan to support and promote student learning. School results will be made public for any school community where there were 10 or more students in the class participating in the assessment.

Full details of this year's results are available on the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board Web site: www.alcdsb.on.ca

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