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## ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC RELEASES ANNUAL EQAO RESULTS FOR ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY TEST

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) has released the school, board and provincial results for the 2014 – 2015 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT).

"St. Clair Catholic students continue to score well above the provincial average on the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, for both first-time and previously eligible students," says Dan Parr, Director of Education.

"Although we are pleased with these results, we believe further gains can be achieved. We will review the data in depth as part of our school and board improvement plans, as we develop strategies for on-going progress," says Mr. Parr.

EQAO has also released the participation rate for the OSSLT assessments, which were conducted in the Spring of 2015. St. Clair Catholic students participated at a rate of 98% for first time eligible students, compared to 93% for the province.

Results of the assessments are summarized in the tables below.

#### First Time Eligible

	Province	St. Clair
Spring		
2015	82%	87%

#### Previously Eligible

	Province	St. Clair
Spring		
2015	49%	70%

"We are also extremely pleased by the success of our students with special needs," says Mr. Parr. "Results show what we have always known – that given time and with the necessary supports, learners of all abilities can achieve success."

The success rate for St. Clair Catholic first-time eligible students with special needs was 66% compared to a provincial average of 45%.

Data from all EQAO assessments is analyzed annually and used to develop improvement plans, under the direction of the K-12 Catholic Learning Services team. School principals and staff will also be required to report their improvement plans to the Board, based on the results of the 2014 – 2015 OSSLT assessments.