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ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC STUDENTS CONTINUE TO BE AMONG TOP ACHIEVERS IN ANNUAL EQAO ASSESSMENT

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) has released the school, board and provincial results for the 2009-2010 grade three and six assessments. EQAO measures the performance of students in reading, writing and mathematics. Scores for St. Clair Catholic students are above the provincial average in all categories.

“Each year, our EQAO scores show that St. Clair Catholic students continue to be among the top achievers in the province,” says Paul Wubben, Director of Education. “However, we recognize that EQAO is just one indicator of student achievement. We will use these results to help us continue to develop strategies to help all students be successful.”

The EQAO report summarizes achievement in four levels:

- Level 4 – exceeding the provincial standard
- Level 3 – meeting the provincial standard
- Level 2 – approaching the provincial standard
- Level 1 – performing significantly below the provincial standard

In May 2010, when the assessments were conducted, there were 673 students who participated in grade three and 758 students from grade six, who completed the assessment.

The charts below summarize the St. Clair and provincial results. The number in brackets indicates the comparison to provincial results.

Grade 3	Reading		Writing		Mathematics	
	Prov.	St. Clair	Prov.	St. Clair	Prov.	St. Clair
Percentage of students who exceeded, or met the provincial standard (Levels 4 and 3)	62	63 (+1)	70	77 (+7)	71	78 (+7)

Grade 6	Reading		Writing		Mathematics	
	Prov.	St. Clair	Prov.	St. Clair	Prov.	St. Clair
Percentage of students who exceeded, or met the provincial standard (Levels 4 and 3)	72	73 (+1)	70	72 (+2)	61	65 (+4)

In addition, EQAO has forwarded to school boards the results of the Grade nine mathematics assessments, which were conducted at the end of each semester during the 2009-2010 school year. A total of 681 students were eligible to write the assessments, with 445 in the academic course and 236 in the applied.

Grade 9 Mathematics	Applied		Academic	
	Prov.	St. Clair	Prov.	St. Clair
Percentage of students who exceeded or met the provincial standard (Levels 4 and 3)	40	43 (+3)	82	78 (-4)

“Even though our academic students have shown a slight decline this year, over time our results have shown tremendous growth,” says Mr. Wubben. “We will continue to build on these strong results.”

The data from the EQAO assessments will be analyzed and will be used to develop improvement plans, under the direction of the Curriculum Services and Learning Services teams. School principals and staff will also be required to report their improvement plans to the Board, based on the results of the 2009-2010 assessments.