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## TCDSB maintains high literacy standards and demonstrates improvement over five years

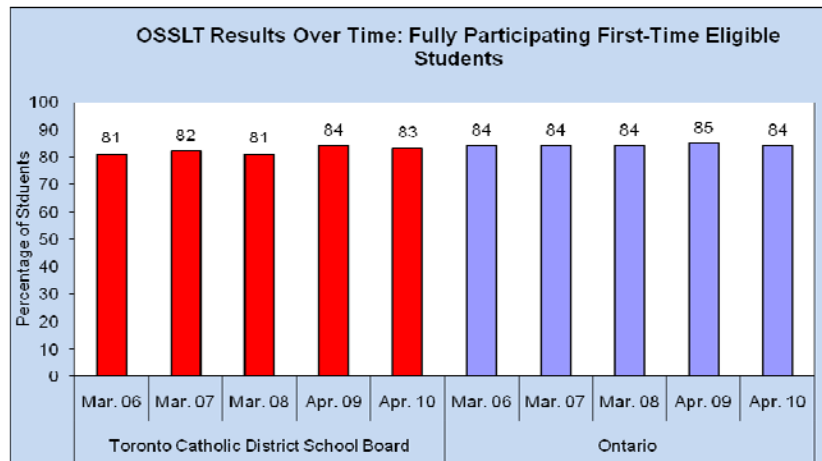
The Toronto Catholic District School Board is pleased to report that 83% of its students were successful on the latest April 2010 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). More students are eligible to write the test than ever before. Over the past five years our scores have demonstrated solid improvement, while the province has remained stable over the same time period. TCDSB is proud to celebrate the high levels of achievement of all its students.

Diversity in the TCDSB continues to increase with 791 English Language Learners (ELL students) eligible to write the assessment. Two-thirds of ELL students writing the test were successful and results for students with Special Education Needs remain encouraging. TCDSB success rates for ELL students and students with a Special Education Needs remain higher than those of the province.

“Consistently, year over year, we have high levels of achievement by our students.” says Ann Perron, Director of Education. “The results demonstrate that all students, regardless of their unique needs, are being provided with opportunities for success.”

“Toronto remains the most culturally, linguistically and socio-economically diverse city in Ontario,” says TCDSB Chair Angela Kennedy. “We are very proud of the consistently strong results of our secondary school students on these standardized tests.”

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