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The Toronto Catholic District School Board educates more than 92,000 students from diverse cultures and language backgrounds in 201 Catholic elementary and secondary schools, serving close to half-a-million Catholic school supporters across the City of Toronto. As the world's largest publicly funded Catholic school system, we educate students in an inclusive learning community rooted in the love of Christ, where they are challenged to grow in grace and knowledge and to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.

At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.

Elementary Students Continue to Show Improvement Over Time

Toronto Catholic District School Board students continue to show substantial improvement over time in the area of reading and writing, approaching or exceeding the provincial goal of 75% as reported by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). The Board's focus continues to be on improvements in the area of mathematics.

Over a five-year period, the grade 3 results show an increase of 64% to 69% in the area of reading, improvement from 75% to 79% in writing, but a decline from 67% to 64% in mathematics.

For the junior division improvements were seen in reading (70% to 78%) and writing (75% to 80%), but again a decline in math (57% to 52%) over that same period of time.

“As a board committed to student achievement and excellence in education, we will maintain our focus on literacy, while also continuing to explore ways to mirror that success in the area of mathematics,” says Director of Education Angela Gauthier.

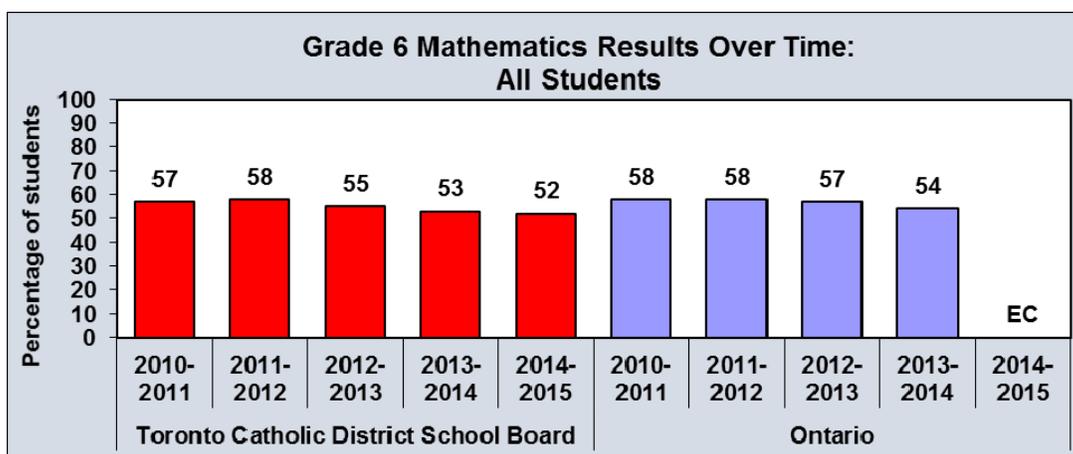
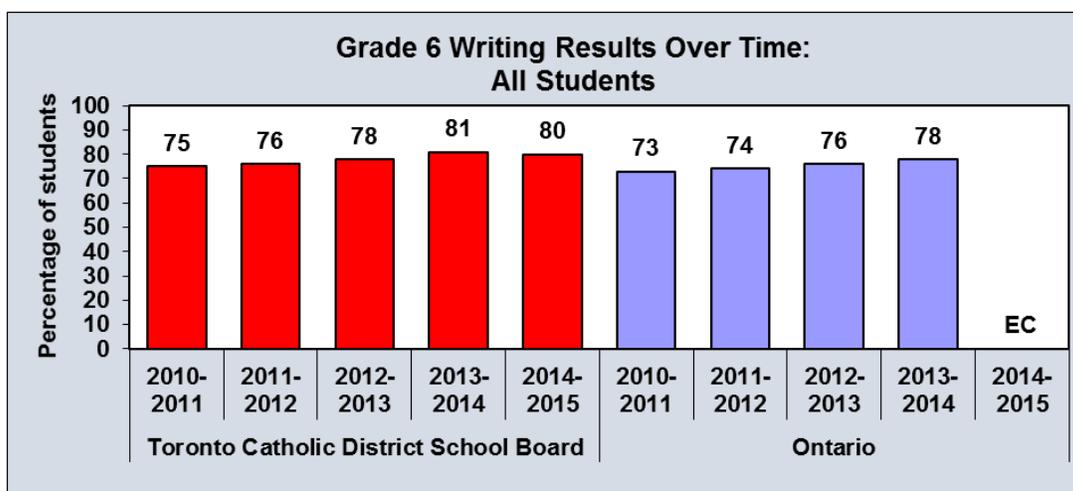
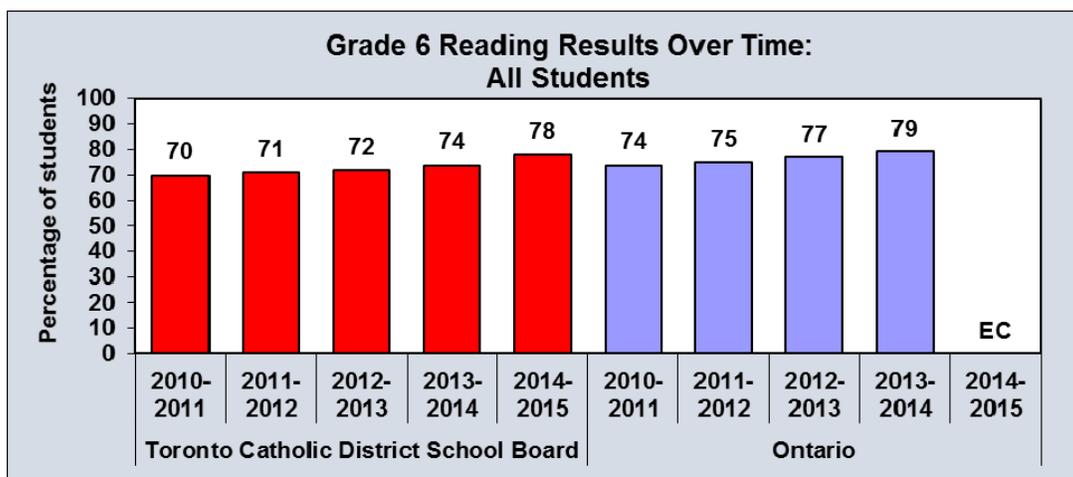
Initiatives already underway include the roll out of technology to increase student engagement and exploration, professional development focused on inquiry based learning, self-directed learning and assessment, use of web applications and encouraging the concept of co-teaching between elementary and secondary teachers, as well as the piloting of JUMP Math at 13 elementary schools.

Special Note: Since not all schools in Ontario participated in the 2015 assessment, provincial-level results were not published by EQAO this year.

(see results on next page)

JUNIOR DIVISION

Total number of TCDSB Grade 6 students in 2014-2015 = 6235



Note: EC = Due to exceptional circumstances in 2015, provincial data are unavailable to report provincial results.