



NEWS RELEASE

September 24, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Communications
Department
80 Sheppard Avenue East
Toronto, Ontario
M2N 6E8

Media Contact:

Emmy Szekeres Milne
Manager
Communications
416-222-8282 Ext. 2356
emmy.szekeresmilne@tcdsb.org
www.tcdsb.org
Follow us on Twitter@TCDSB

84% of High School Students Pass Ontario Literacy Test

The Toronto Catholic District School Board congratulates secondary school students who have passed the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, with 84% of students achieving success on the latest assessment.

“The success rate of our students on the literacy test speaks to the solid foundation in language that begins at the earliest stages of a child’s academic career, and continues through high school,” says Angela Gauthier, Director of Education. “In the area of literacy, our emphasis remains on supporting those students who are not successful the first time.”

The grade 9 mathematics results have shown a slight improvement over time with 83% of students achieving expectations compared to 80% five years ago in academic math, and a marked improvement of 44% up from 35% for those in the applied program. TCDSB has made significant progress over the past five years but the Board results remaining slightly below the provincial average, so we acknowledge the need to concentrate our efforts in this area.

“It is clear that more work needs to be done to ensure that our students perform as well in mathematics as they do in language,” says the Director. “The weaker results in mathematics are not unique to our board, and we recognize that a provincial solution is needed to ensure that our students can achieve to their full potential in this area.”

- 30 -

The Toronto Catholic District School Board educates more than 92,000 students from diverse cultures and language backgrounds in 200 schools, serving approximately 475,000 Catholic school supporters across the City of Toronto. As the world’s largest publicly funded Catholic school system, we teach 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

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES 2014-2015		
Wards		
1.	Peter Jakovic	416-512-3401
2.	Ann Andrachuk	416-512-3402
3.	Sal Piccininni	416-512-3403
4.	Patrizia Bottoni	416-512-3404
5.	Maria Rizzo	416-512-3405
6.	Frank D'Amico	416-512-3406
7.	John Del Grande	416-512-3407
8.	Garry Tanuan	416-512-3408
9.	Jo-Ann Davis, Chair	416-512-3409
10.	Barbara Poplawski	416-512-3410
11.	Angela Kennedy	416-512-3411
12.	Nancy Crawford, Vice-Chair	416-512-3412
	Christopher MacDonald, Student Trustee	416-512-3417
	Hannah McGroarty, Student Trustee	416-512-3413

Angela Gauthier, Director of Education
416-222-8282 Ext. 2196
@TCDSB_AGauthier