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## TCDSB Elementary Students Continue to Excel in Language

According to the latest results from EQAO assessments, elementary students in the Toronto Catholic District School Board continue to demonstrate strong language skills. Writing results for grades 3 and 6 remain above the provincial average, and reading results for grade 3 are also keeping pace with the provincial average. At the same time, results in mathematics continue to mirror the provincial results, pointing to the need for further improvements in that area.

In general the results over the past five years showing continuous improvement.

For grade 3:

- 70% of students achieved expectations in reading in 2013-2014, compared to 60% five years ago
- 81% of students achieved expectations in writing last year, compared to 72% five years ago

For grade 6:

- 74% of students achieved expectations in reading in the latest assessment, compared to 67% five years ago
- 81% of students achieved expectations in writing in 2013-2014, compared to 71% five years ago

“These latest results clearly demonstrate that we are on the right track with the curriculum and resources in the areas of reading and writing,” says Angela Gauthier, Director of Education. “Given the diversity of language, culture and ability represented in our school board, these results confirm that our focus on student achievement is paying off.”

The results in mathematics continue to reflect the provincial trends, with 66% of students in grade 3 achieving the expectations compared to 67% provincially, and 53% of students in grade 6 achieving the expectations compared to 54% provincially.

The Board acknowledges that more research needs to be done to determine why students are not achieving as well in the area of mathematics.

“Given that the same patterns have been evidenced across the province, we will continue to work closely with the Ministry of Education and other school boards on strategies to improve student success in this area,” says Ms. Gauthier.