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Halton students beat test average

Some Halton elementary students can sit a little taller in their seats these days — they've once again beaten provincial test averages.

Students at local public and Catholic schools recorded superior results in Grades 3 and 6 reading, writing and mathematics tests held last spring.

More Halton students achieved top results (Levels 3 and 4) than their provincial counterparts in all but one category (Grade 6 math), where they tied provincial results.

The Halton Catholic District School Board's education director said the board is pleased its students exceeded provincial results again.

"The results received definitely validate the ongoing commitment of all board stakeholders who strive to help students develop to their fullest potential in meeting our mission of Catholic education," noted Fred Sweeney.

His counterpart at the Halton District School Board was also pleased with the results.

"While we are very proud of our overall achievement at Levels 3 and 4, we recognize that children at Level 2 are also experiencing considerable success," said Dusty Papke. "Our goal should always be to move the overall number of children ahead by one achievement level."

More than 6,000 Halton public school students wrote tests, which originate from the province's Education Quality and Accountability Office.

Grade 3 public students fared 8-9 per cent better than their provincial candidates. (Sets of results quoted are those where all students completed tests).

In Grade 6, Halton students were 0-6 per cent better in various categories.

"Consistent with the rest of Ontario,

Halton Grade 6 results are slightly lower than our Grade 3 results," noted superintendent Kit Rankin. "We plan to focus central staff's energies on supporting teachers of Grades 4-6 who have not had as much opportunity for professional learning in Halton as their primary counterparts."

The superintendent said a three-year plan to develop and extend literacy and numeracy initiatives was identified last year. Rankin said five additional teacher consultants began working on the directions in the fall.

One concern is that provincially, girls scored better than boys in all categories, with the gap widening from Grades 3-6.

Rankin said the discrepancy is a concern across both Halton and Ontario.

"Halton staff will work to develop programs which support improved learning for both boys and girls," said Rankin. "This is an issue which will require intensive effort by staff and the community."

The public school results will be analysed at the school level and a more detailed school report will be made available to parents and school communities next week.

At Halton's Catholic board, a total of nearly 3,400 students wrote the Grades 3 and 6 tests.

About 10 per cent more Halton Catholic students scored higher-level results than the Ontario average.

"The Grade 3 assessment, which has been in place for the past four years, continues to provide a valuable component which can be considered as part of the overall assessment of a student's performance," said Diane Rabenda, curriculum superintendent for the Catholic board. "It is another indicator which is considered in conjunction with the teacher's evaluation, ongoing assignments and tests."

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