

Test can be retaken next year

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the curriculum, so I think it is an accurate measure," he said. "For our purposes, it is very useful to determine what students need to know and what areas they are deficient in so that we can recognize those areas and we can put school improvement strategies into place to correct that."

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test for Grade 10 students was introduced in 2003. Students must pass the test in order to receive an Ontario secondary school diploma.

The test is marked on a successful/unsuccessful basis according to criteria established by the provincial Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO).

Students who are unsuccessful

in their first attempt can retake the exam the following year or complete an Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course offered by their school.

"That class is on their schedule and as long as they pass that course, that fulfills their requirement," MacDonald said.

Grade 10 students in the Halton Catholic board have consistently performed above the provincial average since the test's inception in 2003. Past success rates compared to the provincial average are 83 per cent to 77 per cent in 2003, 87 per cent to 82 per cent in 2004, 92 per cent to 84 per cent in 2006, and 89 per cent to 84 per cent in 2007.

The Halton Catholic board ranked No. 1 when compared to its counterparts in the Greater Toronto Area.

Peel District School Board came in at 85 per cent, while the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board had 86 per cent of their students pass. York Region reported a success rate of 90 per cent in its Catholic schools and 88 per cent in its public schools. The Toronto District School Board had 80 per cent of its students deemed successful, while 81 per cent of Catholic students passed.

Meanwhile, the Halton Public District School Board fared well, with a 90 per cent success rate.

As for next year, MacDonald said it is onwards and upwards for the Halton Catholic board's test results.

"We've set a goal for a two per cent increase, which is a tall order, but I think we can do it," he said.

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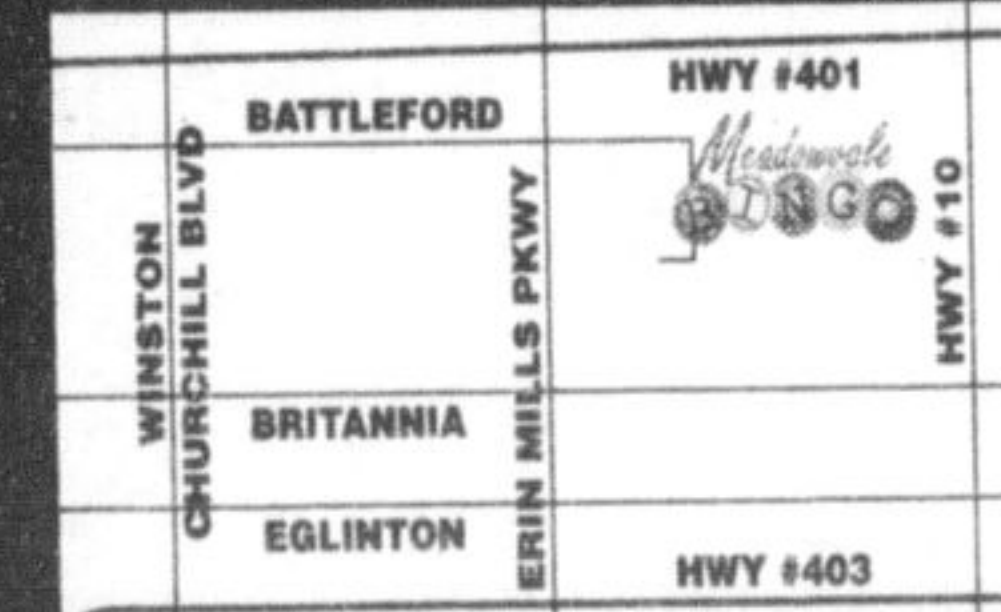
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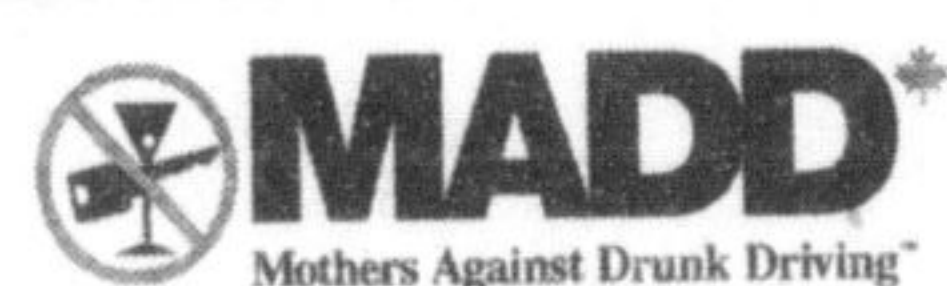
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