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'More to do,' says Minister of Education

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per cent of students in the applied stream scored a passing grade. That's an improvement over last year's 17 per cent, but still cause for concern, said board chairperson Bill Crothers.

About 21 per cent of the board's 7,452 Grade 9 students are in the applied stream.

"We are encouraged by the fact our students have continued to be successful compared to the overall provincial results," Mr Crothers said.

"However, we are still very concerned with the EQAO Grade 9 results of our students in the applied program. We will be reviewing the data to determine the ways that student performance can be improved."

About 430,000 students in the three grades underwent provincial testing during the last school year.

The EQAO, an independent agency, said the results "are encouraging," but Education Minister Elizabeth Witmer said the report reveals not enough students are making the grade.

"There's progress, but I think there's also an indication that there continues to be more to do," she said.

Results for students in the Catholic system were not available at press time.

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