



# NEWS RELEASE

## EQAO Results show student achievement gains at NCDSB

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The Northeastern Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce the recent increases in student achievement results on the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) provincial assessments in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. The results of the Primary assessment show positive gains in Writing and increases in all three strands at the Junior level. Though provincial results remain slightly above the achievement reached by our Grade 3 and 6 students, the NCDSB continues in its pursuit of excellence to achieve the provincial targets.

Tricia Weltz, Superintendent of Education, commented "We are very proud of the achievements made by our grade 3 and 6 students. We believe that our gains in provincial assessments have been achieved through ongoing professional collaboration, the dedication of our teaching and support staff, and strategic system priorities that respond to the needs of our learners. As we celebrate our success, we remain ever mindful of our ongoing responsibilities to provide Catholic education to all of our learners in a safe, nurturing, equitable and inclusive environment that prepares them for life."

**Subject:** NCDSB EQAO results 2011-12

### Grade 3

Reading – decrease of 5% (49 to 44)

Writing – increase 11% (52 to 63)

Mathematics – Consistent (52 to 51)

### Grade 6

Reading – increase 9% (61 to 70) highest score ever

Writing – increase 9% (55 to 64) highest score ever

Mathematics – increase 8% (39 to 47)

Glenn Sheculski, Director of Education, noted "The EQAO results indicate that past improvements in how we instruct our students have taken root and we will continue to ensure that all of our students receive the education and training they require for the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and jobs that are just developing as we speak. We are proud of our student's results and we will continue to work hard this coming year."

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