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EQAO Grade 10 Literacy Test Results

The Lambton Kent District School Board today released system-wide results for the 2007 – 2008 Grade 10 EQAO Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test. All Grade 10 students in Ontario who are working toward an Ontario Secondary School Diploma are required to successfully complete the assessment or complete the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC). The assessment was administered on the morning of March 27, 2008.

In the Lambton Kent District School Board, 80% of Fully Participating First Time Eligible students successfully completed the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test. The Grade 10 students in the Lambton Kent District School Board declined slightly in their success rate from the previous year. The percentage of successful Fully Participating First Time Eligible students stands 8% above the level of five years ago.

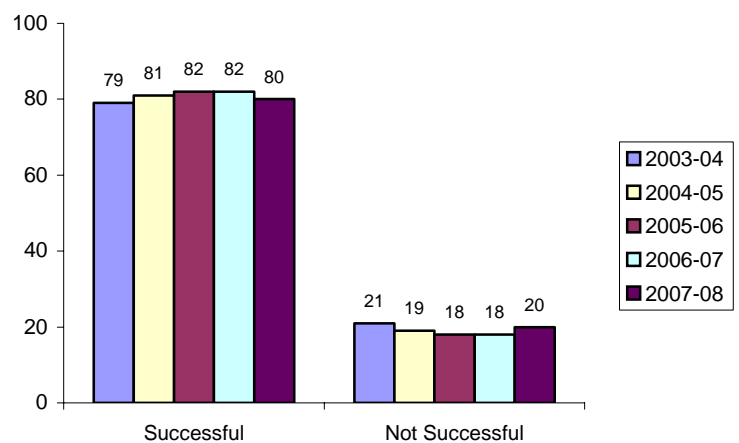
Director of Education Gayle Stucke stated, “We continue the district and school level focus on strategies that make literacy a cross-curricular and cross-panel priority. The efforts of our staff, students and parents are to be applauded.”

The Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) provides an assessment “snapshot.” Used in concert with school-based and district achievement data, it helps to determine school and district priorities, as well as shape instructional practices to better meet the learning needs of students. “We are continuing to build on individual school successes, and to implement high-yield strategies in support of student learning,” stated Dave Doey, Superintendent of Education.

All parents will receive an Individual Student Report about their child’s results from this year’s test. The provincial results and further information are available on the EQAO Website at www.eqao.com.

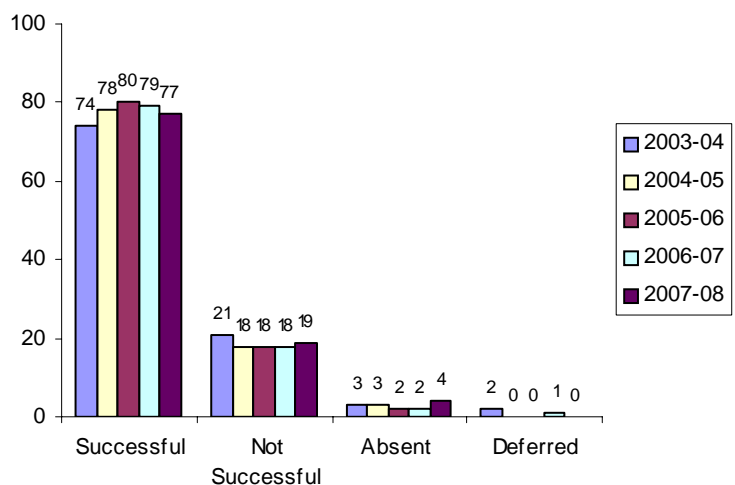
Percentage of Successful Fully Participating Students*

FIRST TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS



Percentage of All Students in Each Category**

FIRST TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS



** Fully Participating Students are students who produced scorable work and were assigned an achievement result (successful, unsuccessful).

** All Students are students who are working toward an OSSD. Students exempted from the assessment are not working toward an OSSD and are not included in the cohort.

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