

School Council Minutes Nov 26/18

Attendance:

Facilitator/Recorder: Linda T.

Prayer: Linda T.

Student Council: Ellah and Joseph shared events that had taken place from our last meeting till now. They also described events taking place in the near future:

- Dec. 6: Christmas Dinner....all welcome, free meal, please RSVP
- Dec. 5: Dress Down Day, cost \$2.00
- Dec. 12: Semi Formal, cost \$20.00 @ Maxwell's, theme: Winter Wonderland. Tickets on sale during lunches (175 tickets per lunch, total 350 available)
- Christmas fundraiser: Fill the Canoe with Hygiene products and mittens for the St. Mary's Church St. Vincent De Paul (Downtown). (Requested items: deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, conditioner, razor, shaving cream, brush, comb)

Guidance: Phil Lehmann, Head of Guidance

- SMH has 6 Guidance Counsellors, each is responsible for part of the student body based on the student's last name. Check the web site for your Child's Guidance Counsellor.
- Students can schedule an appointment on-line to see their Guidance Counsellor. Parent's are encouraged to call in if they want an appointment and the Counsellor will co-ordinate with the student.
- Phil reviewed OSSD (graduation) requirements. Phil stressed getting in all the Volunteer hours as soon as they are achieved. If you are using the online recording for volunteer hours, please keep a paper backup. Forms to fill out are found in guidance or on line.
- There are a variety of programs available for student learning: e-learning, summer, UCEP, CCEP etc.
- Students should sign up for their grade Google Classroom (Guidance). Guidance is not using Twitter any longer, only the Google Classroom. **Parents can be invited to join to receive the information by their child.**
- My Blueprint, replaces Career Cruising (choosing courses, researching career paths) Courses need to be selected by February 28 for next year. Students can go into My Blueprint and input all their information on careers now.
- Slide deck attached.

KPL: Amanda

- The library is getting a 3D printer mid January. There will be no cost to using the printer.

- The library has started a Youth Action Council. Students are welcome to apply to be a part of the Council. Go to kpl.org and find the volunteer posting. Their next meeting is January 8. Meetings are held during lunches. Great way for Students to get their volunteer hours and they work on Special Projects for the Library.

Principal: John Dietrich

- John shared information on the Catholic Schools Foundation. Their main goals are:
 - **To support program enhancements important to our Catholic education community, but no longer viable through government funding**
 - **To support equity and opportunity for all our learners**
 - **To support the Faith component of Catholic education**
- SMH applies to the Foundation for grants for items that are not covered through school funding. John did get notification just this afternoon of about \$8,800.00 in approved grants for our school from the Foundation. The foundation's largest Fundraiser is the Bishop's Banquet. Please support the foundation by attending the Bishop's Banquet or donated an item for the silent auction – contact Jody Fritz (jody.fritz@wcdsb.ca) for additional information. Details can be found at:

<https://www.wcdsb.ca/bishops-banquet-tuesday-may-1-2018/>
- Fundraising Plan: John has to submit a Fundraising Plan of all the money that is processed through the school for field trips, team events etc. These projections are based on last year's final numbers. John went through things like dress down days, school uniforms, etc. and where the money is allocated: back to charity etc.
 - The teachers have a Christmas Cheer Fundraiser they do every year. Last year they raised \$7500.00 and all proceeds go back to the SMH Families in need...usually gift certificates to Zehrs etc. Teachers personally visit families to give them their Christmas Cheer. **IF you have any raffle table items to donate, please drop them off at the office by their 1st week of December.**
- Aviva Grant: SMH made it to the second round. They submitted a new video and had endorsements from our Mayor/police etc. We were awarded \$15,000. Total cost of the project is around \$125,000. They will apply to the Lyle Hallman Foundation and the City of Kitchener etc. for the rest of the funding.
- EQAO Grade 9 Math and Grade 10 Literacy. John reviewed the results and the stats and how the School is responding to the data.
- Slide deck attached.

Parent /Teacher Interviews

- Discussion about pros/cons of the day. Table was out, but not set up. Parents were unaware of what to do at the table. Floor plans were fuzzy of the school layout.

Folders were welcome. It was very fast paced as Parents were rushing to get to appointments. Parents that did stop received folders and information about where their child can get volunteer hours (front of the folder).

- Parents asked to see if an on-line version of signing up for interviews was possible (like Guidance appointments) as most of us had problems with getting the sheet back from our children, timing of the appointments (back to back) or the teacher not having any more time to meet.
- It was suggested we have a large sign that says “Ask a Parent” so that Parents know they can approach the table for information from other Parents.
- Grade 8 night was also discussed: Not the same vibe as the Parent/Teacher Interviews.

Most Grade 8 parents will stop to ask questions as they go from table to table.

PIC Grant:

- It was decided to spend our \$500.00 on new magnets that have the Attendance Line and more direction for Parents to go to the Website for our school to find information.
- Magnets should be handed out to current parents of students, especially Grade 9 parents suggested to be placed in the registration packages.

PRO Grant:

- No update yet. We will wait to see if we are getting any money for last year's application and if they will be continuing with the grants for this year.

School Tour: John facilitated and answered questions:

- Hairstyling: Students in the OYAP/Apprenticeship program cut hair on site. Parents are welcome to make appointments. Teacher is a licenced Hair Stylist and oversees.
- Mary's Café/Cooking Class: Students prepare and sell their food at lunch (they re-coop the cost of the ingredients). Very nutritional food at a low cost for students. Teacher is a licenced Chef and Baker. The class does catering as well for functions in and out of the school. Great learning experience for the Students.
- Tech Facility: We roamed the tech area. All teachers are licenced in their field of expertise. There was so much to see.....We saw the Adirondack chairs they are making (parents can have things made if they provide all the material), the CNC machines, the welding area, robotics, radio station, video creation area/green screen, shop.....where they fix vehicles (Toyota is a big supporter of the program), and the bicycle shop....where student re-purpose bikes donated to the school to give to needy families within our school community. Parents can drop off unwanted, good used bikes at the back of the school by the shop classes. Parents can also have their vehicle repaired (oil changes/brakes etc). The teachers oversee all the work and sign off on the vehicle repairs as they are the licenced mechanics).

Next Meeting:

February 25th, 2019

Guidance @ St. Mary's

- 6 Counselors - based on alphabet
- Case Managers for Students
- Connection to supports
- Educating about the Pathways

- Joanne Regan
- Joe Taranto
- Lisa Collins
- Nancy Arruda
- Colleen Borman
- Phil Lehmann

A-C

D-F (+int'l)

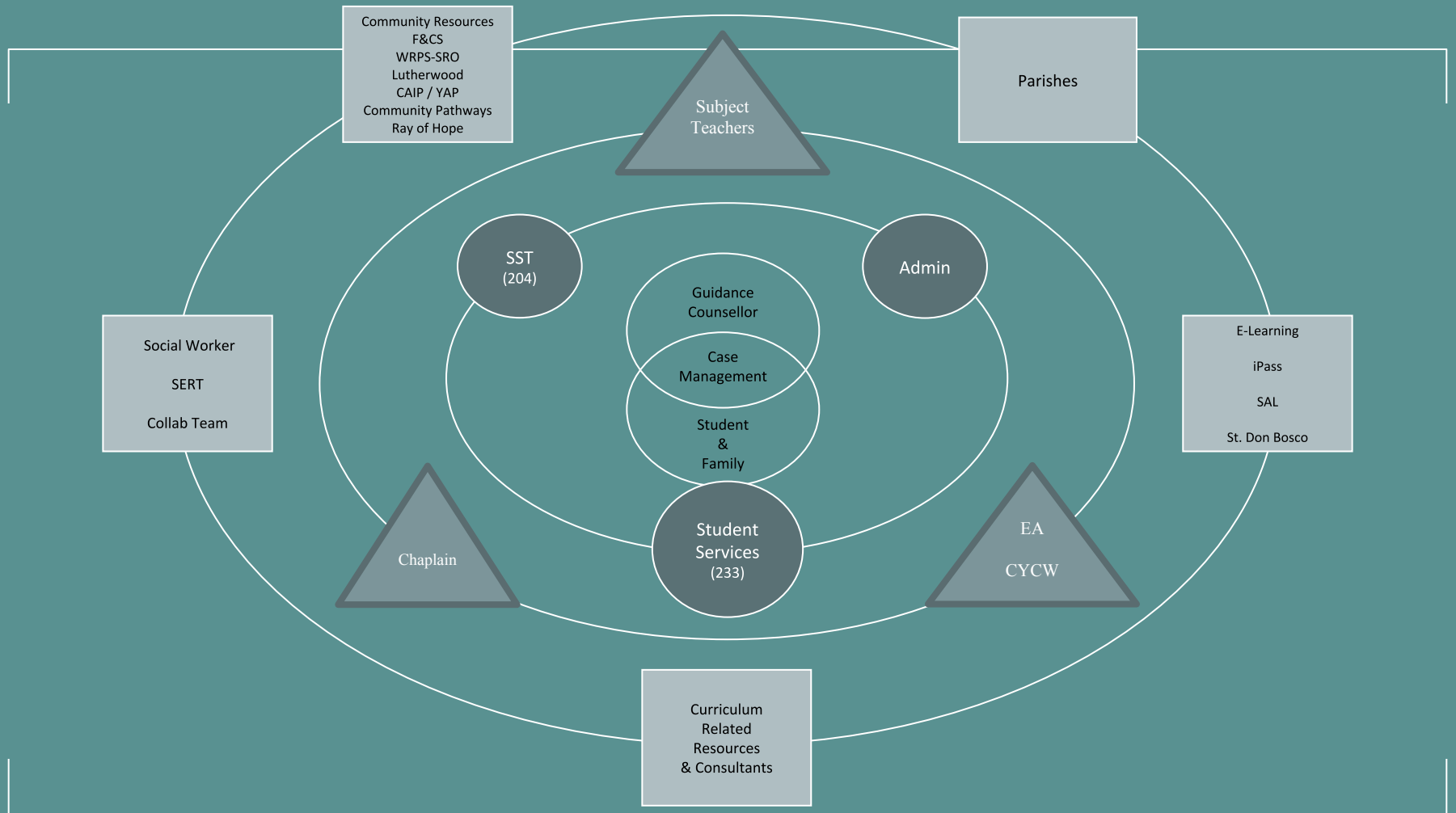
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Appointments are made through the [St. Mary's website.](#)



Diploma Requirements (OSSD)

30 Credits - 18 compulsory, 12 elective

OSSLT - The Literacy Test, written in the spring of Grade 10

Community Service Hours - 40 required hours

the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

4	credits in English (1 credit per grade)*
3	credits in mathematics (1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)
2	credits in science
1	credit in Canadian history
1	credit in Canadian geography
1	credit in the arts
1	credit in health and physical education
1	credit in French as a second language
0.5	credit in career studies
0.5	credit in civics

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

New

1 *group 1: additional credit in English, or French as a second language,** or a Native language, or a classical or an international language, or social sciences and the humanities, or Canadian and world studies, or guidance and career education, or cooperative education****

New

1 *group 2: additional credit in health and physical education, or the arts, or business studies, or French as a second language,** or cooperative education****

New

1 *group 3: additional credit in science (Grade 11 or 12), or technological education, or French as a second language,** or computer studies, or cooperative education****

In addition, students must complete:

- ✓ 12 optional credits[†]
- ✓ 40 hours of community involvement activities
- ✓ the provincial literacy requirement

*A maximum of 3 credits in English as a second language (ESL) or English literacy development (ELD) may be counted towards

Variety of Programming - Guidance Constantly Reviewing

Traditional Classroom	e-Learning	UCEP
Alternative Education	Co-operative Education	CCEP
IPASS	Advanced Placement	Summer School
	SHSM	Summer Online (Civics and Careers)

Events, Updates and Info.

Grade 8 Day - November 14th

Take Our Kids to Work Day

[Grade 12 University/College Applications/Visits](#)

Meetings with the Grade 9s



Each Grade has a [Guidance Classroom](#)

Information about events, scholarships, community service hours etc. is sent out over this classroom.



myBlueprint

new software for course
selection, career planning,
individual pathway planning
(IPP)

FRONT ELEVATION
1/4" Scale

RIGHT SIDE ELEVATION
1/4" Scale

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Revised Aug. 20, 1936



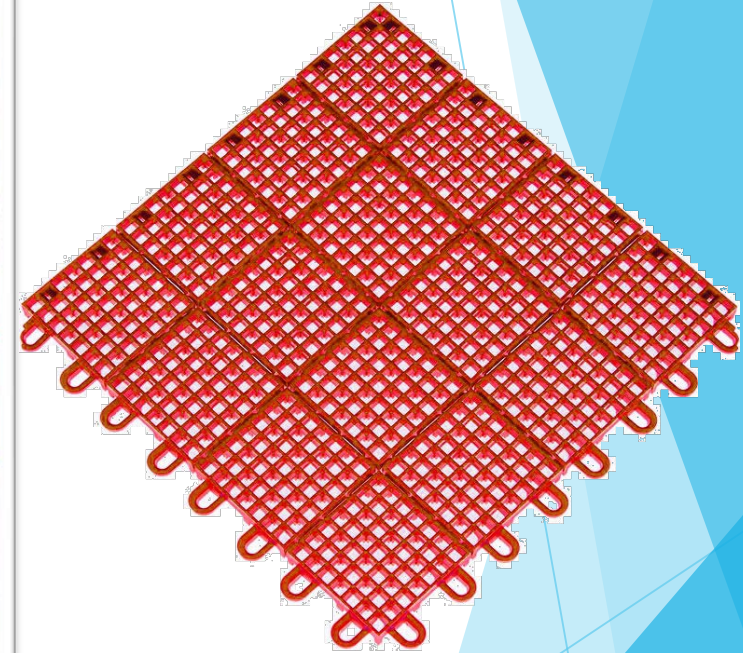
Just an Overview...

What are your questions?

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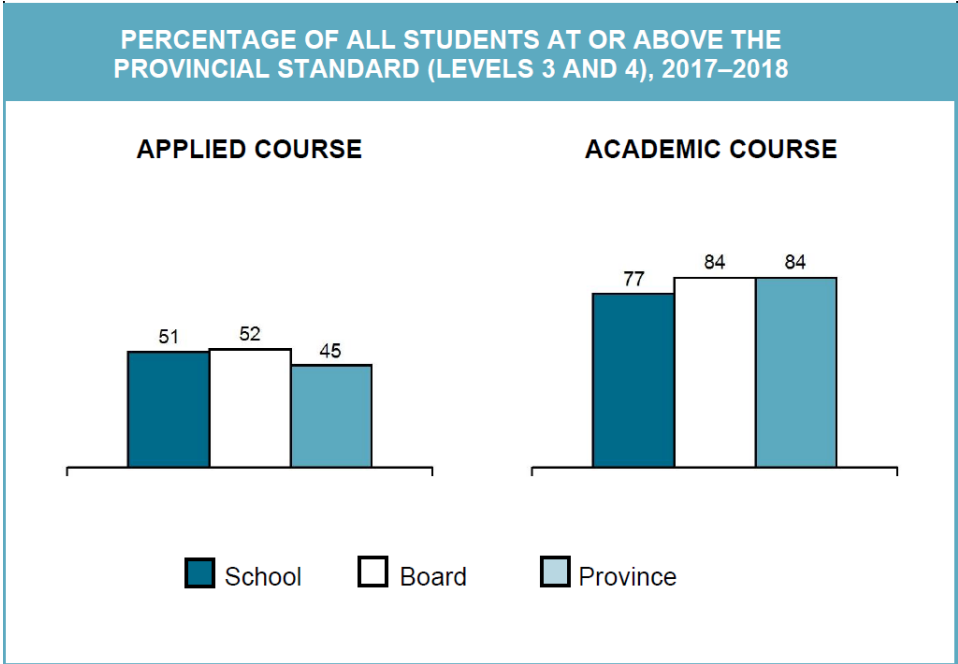
AVIVA Grant



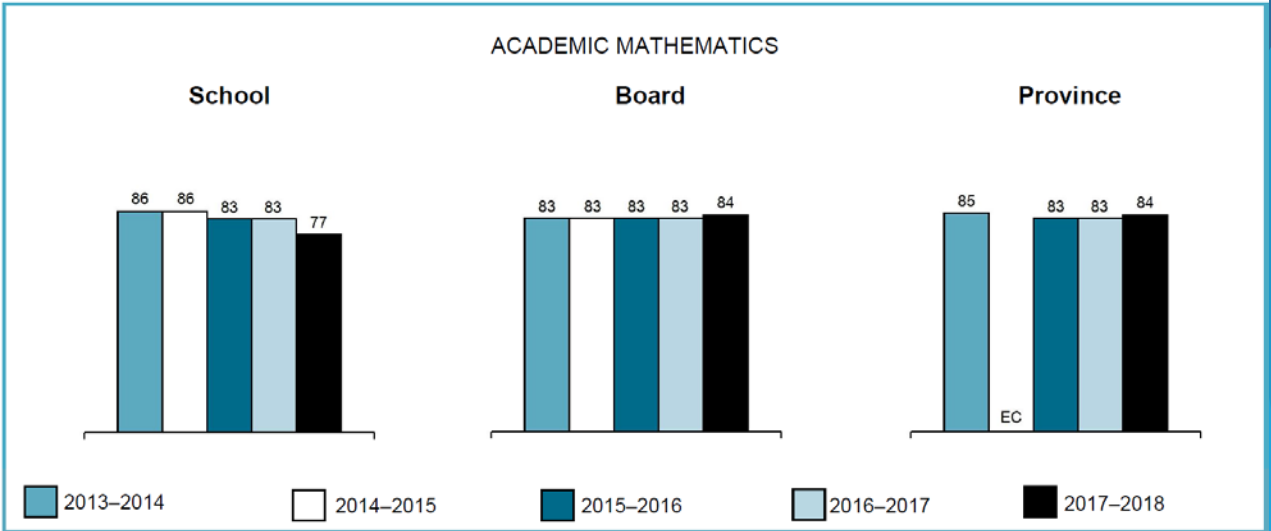
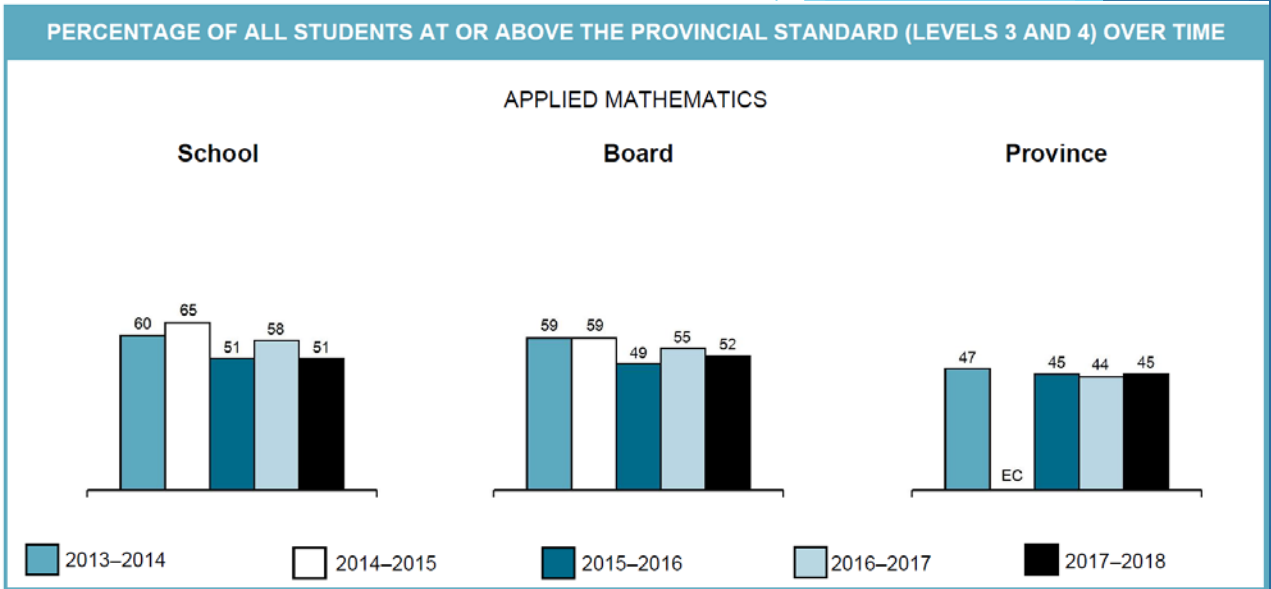
[See our website for AVIVA registration and voting information](#)

Voting opens Tuesday, September 25th at noon.

2017-2018 EQAO Gr. 9 Math



Applied 3yr RA - 53.3% (44.7%)
Academic 3yr RA - 81% (83.3%)



2017-2018 EQAO Gr. 9 Math

Applied Course			Grade 9					
Number of Students in the Cohort = 76*			Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1	Below Level 1	No Data
Grade 3 to Grade 6	Maintained Standard	11	36%	55%	9%	0%	0%	0%
	Rose to Standard	3	33%	33%	33%	0%	0%	0%
	Dropped from Standard	13	23%	46%	8%	8%	0%	15%
	Never Met Standard	49	6%	45%	39%	8%	2%	0%

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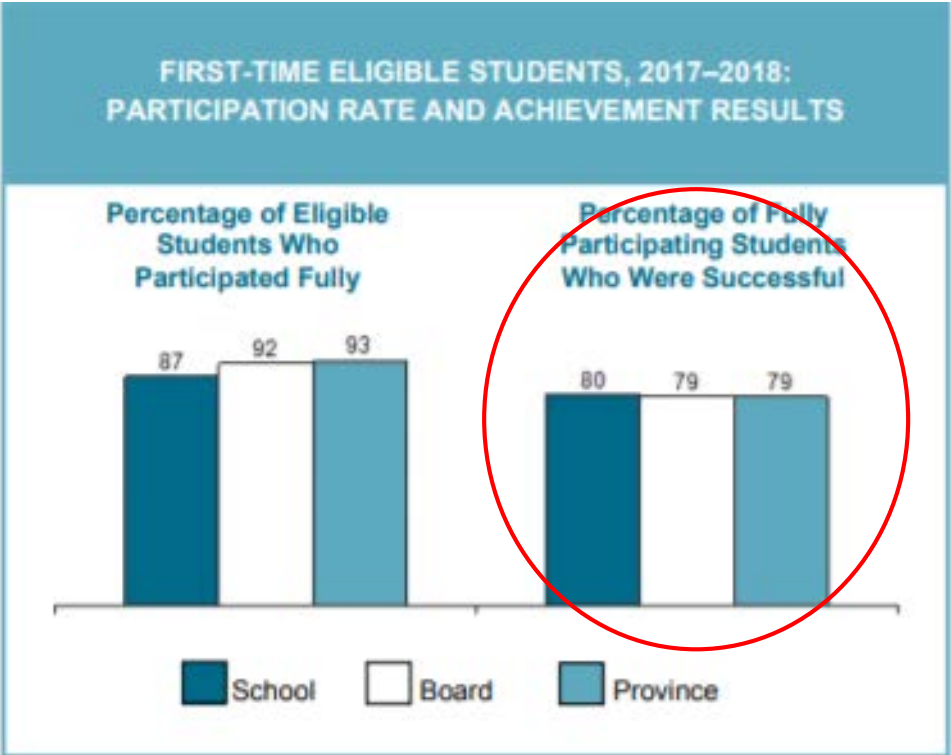
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Academic Course			Grade 9					
Number of Students in the Cohort = 218*			Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1	Below Level 1	No Data
Grade 3 to Grade 6	Maintained Standard	151	17%	76%	5%	1%	0%	0%
	Rose to Standard	20	5%	75%	15%	5%	0%	0%
	Dropped from Standard	22	5%	45%	41%	9%	0%	0%
	Never Met Standard	25	0%	48%	28%	24%	0%	0%

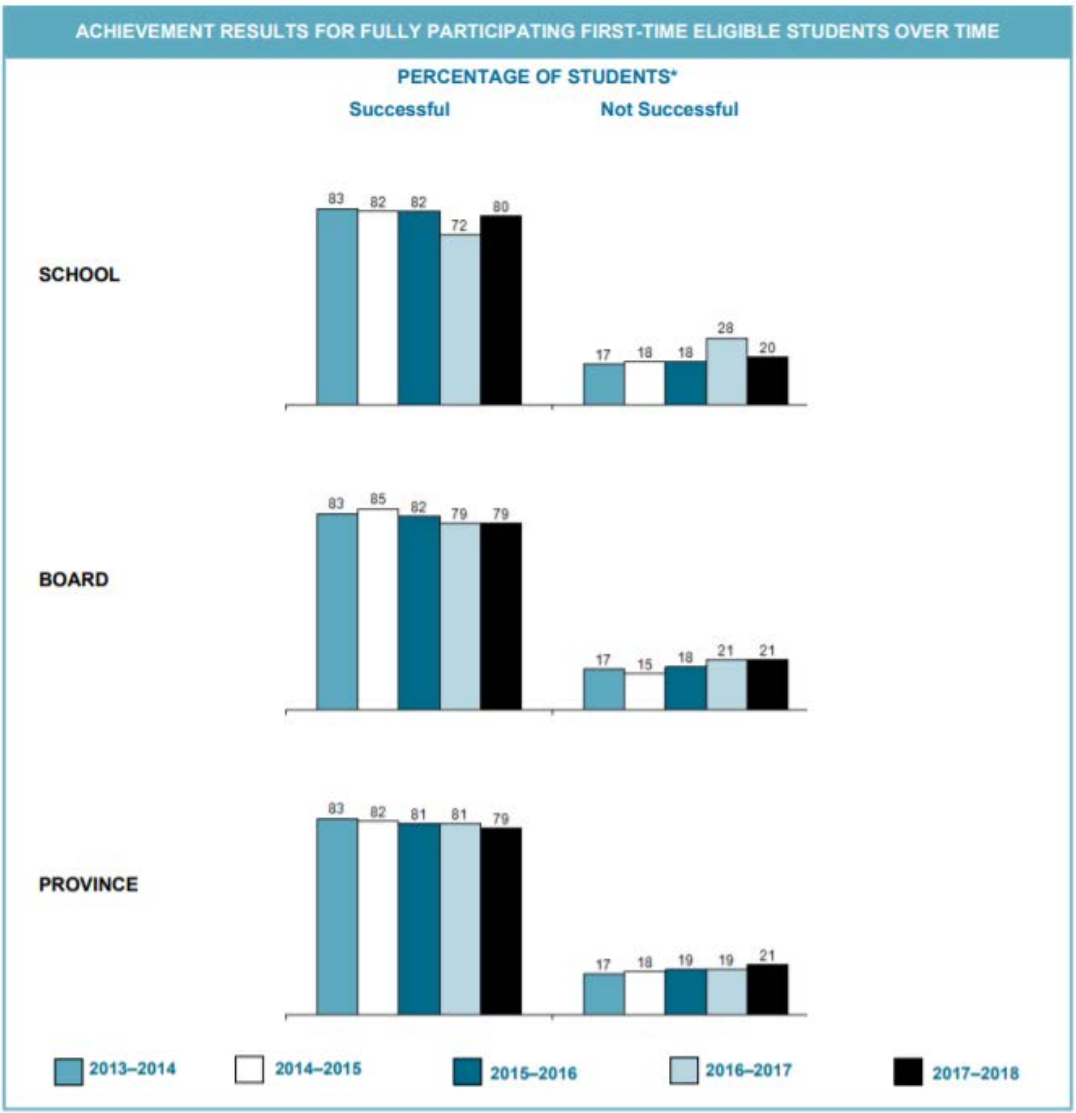
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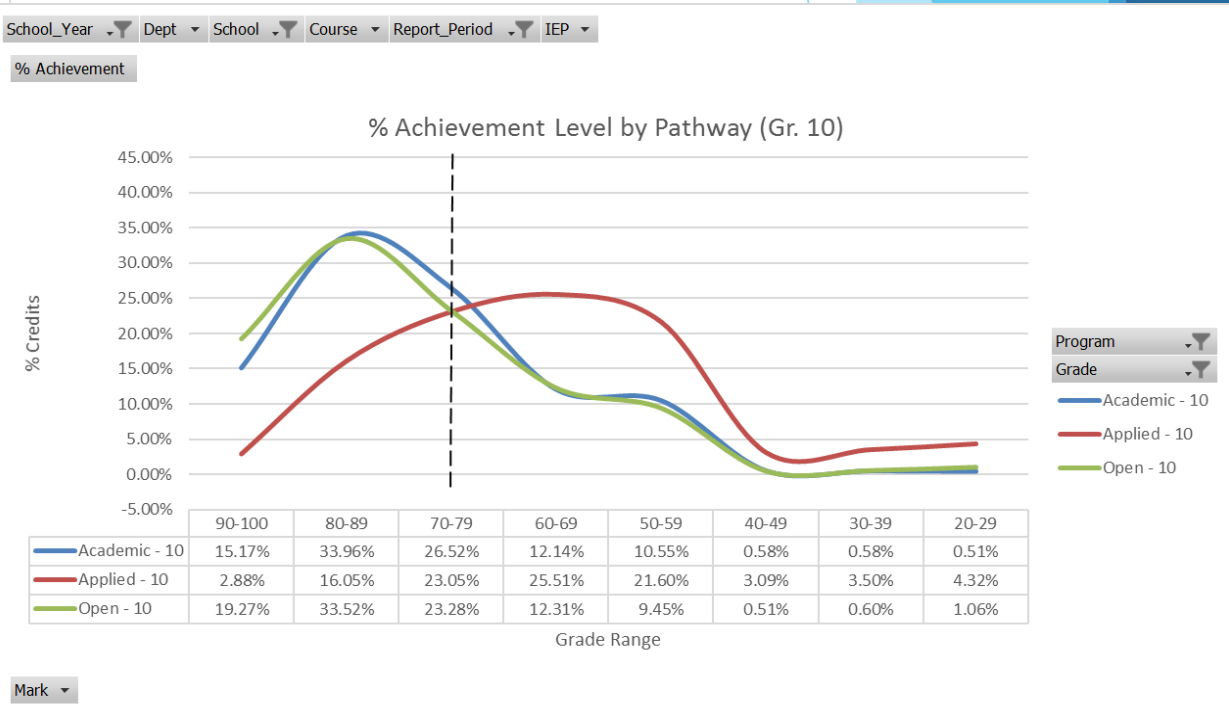
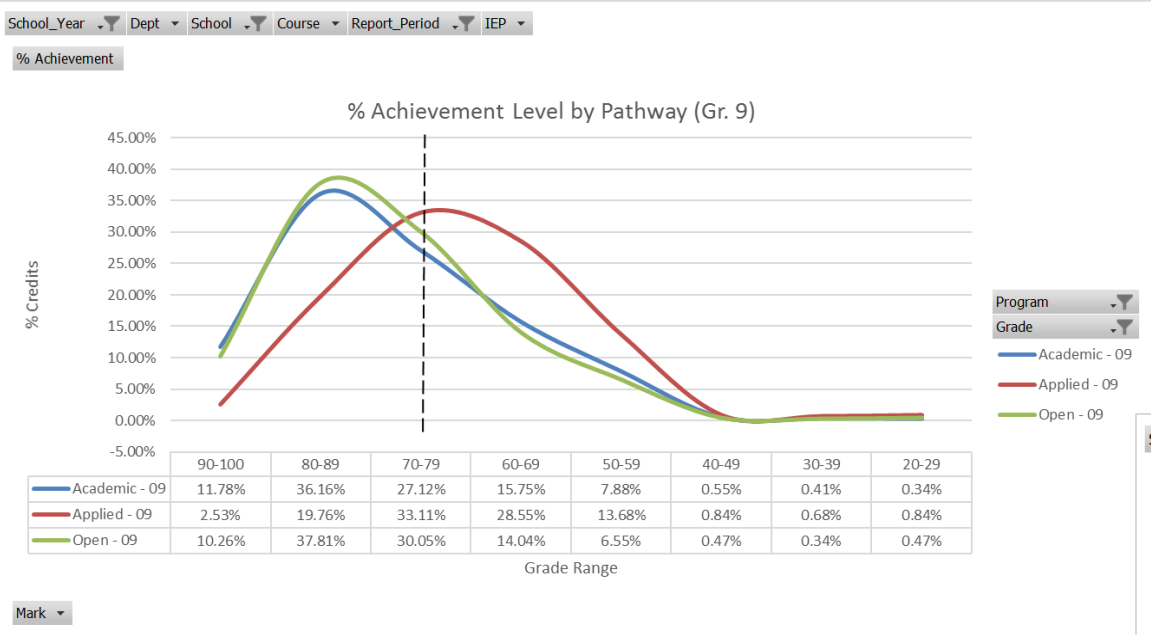
2017-2018 OSSLT Gr. 10 Literacy



OSSLT 3yr RA - 78% (80.3%)



2017-2018 Achievement Data



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