



Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

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### **WECDSB grad rates exceed Ontario average**

(Windsor, Ontario, April 1, 2015) – High school students continue to graduate from WECDSB secondary schools at a higher rate than provincial average, according to data released today by the Ontario Ministry of Education.

In 2014, a total of 87 per cent of WECDSB students graduated from high school within five years, while 79 per cent managed to complete their diploma within four years. Provincially, 84 per cent of all students graduate within five years, while 76 per cent graduate within four years.

“We’re very pleased with the results, but believe there’s always room for improvement,” said Board Chair Barbara Holland. “In today’s economy, it’s extremely difficult for those who don’t have at least a secondary diploma, so we work very hard to make sure that as many of our students as possible reach the finish line. Introducing more innovative programming like we have is an excellent way to help even more students reach their educational goals.”

Superintendent Emelda Byrne said the while the board’s 2014 results remain unchanged from the previous year, the WECDSB’s graduation rate, much like the rest of Ontario’s, has been on an upward trend over the last several years.

“We continue to work very closely on monitoring the credit accumulation of all of our students and try to identify early on those students who may be at risk of graduating,” she said. “There are multiple pathways that students can follow towards graduating, and we work very hard to find the right one for every individual so that all of our students can be successful.”

Read the Ministry of Education’s release here:

<http://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2015/04/more-ontario-students-graduating-high-school-than-ever-before.html>

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