



Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

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# High school success

## *Grad rates continue to rise, exceed provincial averages*

(Windsor, Ontario, May 3, 2016) – The number of students graduating from WECDSB secondary schools has jumped since last year and continues to exceed the provincial average, according to data released today by the Ontario Ministry of Education.

In 2015, a total of 89 per cent of WECDSB students graduated from high school within five years (up from 87 per cent last year), while 82 per cent managed to complete their diploma within four years (up from 79 per cent last year). Provincially, 85.5 per cent of all students graduate within five years, while 78.3 per cent graduate within four years.

“The fact that our own rates are increasing, and staying ahead of the provincial average is extremely encouraging news,” said Board Chair Barb Holland. “It’s a testament to the teachers in our classrooms and the administrators who work so hard to guide and support them. We work very hard to make sure that as many of our students as possible reach the finish line, so that they can go on to live purposeful, meaningful lives. “

Superintendent Emelda Byrne noted that 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:

<https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2016/05/high-school-graduation-rate-reaches-all-time-high-of-855-per-cent.html>

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