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Grad rates climb again

WECDSB students continue to exceed provincial averages

(Windsor, Ontario, May 10, 2017) – 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 Monday by the Ontario Ministry of Education.

In 2016, a total of 89.3 per cent of WECDSB students graduated from high school within five years (up from 89 per cent last year), while 84 per cent managed to complete their diploma within four years (up from 82 per cent last year). Provincially, 86.5 per cent of all students graduate within five years (up from 85.5 per cent last year), while 79.6 per cent graduate within four years (up from 78.3 per cent last year).

"Graduating from high school is an extremely important milestone for students," said Board Chair Barbara Holland, "and it plays a critical role in their future outcomes. With our focus on innovative programming, we're ensuring that we're graduating students who are equipped with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in today's job market so they can live purposeful, meaningful lives."

Executive 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/edu/en/2017/05/high-school-graduation-rate-climbs-to-all-time-high.html?_ga=2.33376251.410486943.1494358203-1423164165.1433427966

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