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## CSCNO celebrates continued student achievement

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**Sudbury** – Earlier today, the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) released the results of the 2009-2010 provincial Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). According to these results, 76% of Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario (CSCNO) Grade 10 students met or exceeded the province's French-language standards. An arm's-length agency of the provincial government, EQAO provides parents, teachers and the public with accurate and reliable information about student achievement.

This year, the CSCNO results followed the provincial trend while witnessing a slight decrease in performance results. Nonetheless, the school board is satisfied with the principal trend associated with the OSSLT testing as they confirm that CSCNO students benefit from a high quality education. Among the encouraging elements related to CSCNO student performance are the following results:

- students tested in 2005-2006 achieved a 66% success rate when in grade 6. Four years later, they increased their performance by no less than 10%, a reflection of the efficiency of teaching strategies implemented board wide;
- 100% of secondary school students at Trillium (Chapleau) and St-Joseph (Wawa) met or exceeded provincial standards. These figures represent respective increases of 29% and 15%; and
- 99% of Grade 10 students from all CSCNO high schools wrote the OSSLT this year. Over the last five years, the CSCNO has consistently achieved the highest student OSSLT participation rate among Ontario's Francophone school boards, averaging 98.2% since 2006.

Mrs. Eugénie Congi, Superintendent of Education at the CSCNO, is encouraged by these results: "Through our targeted support over the past four years, our students succeeded in raising their performance level. Though our students have achieved good results since 2006, we recognize the need to reduce the gap between boys and girls. We will definitely access this year's results to go even further in analyzing our strategies aimed at continued improvement in student performance and reducing this gap. I am fully confident in the leadership shown by our school principals and teaching staff and thank them for their commitment to the success of our students."

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“In general, our students’ results rank them amongst the top learners in our communities and we remain one of the top performing Francophone school boards in Northern Ontario”, added, CSCNO Director of Education Mrs. Lyse-Anne Papineau. “The Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario remains focused on its key goal: assisting our students in reaching or exceeding provincial standards as they move forward to taking their place in society.”

*The Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario offers a French Catholic Educational Program that is widely recognized for its excellence. The CSCNO provides a quality academic program that runs from early childhood to adult education, with more than 7,300 students in 28 elementary and 10 secondary schools.*

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