



# InTouch

## Strong Enrolment Numbers

Associate Director and Superintendent of Business and Corporate Services, Tom Mustapic, is a cagey veteran when it comes to predicting enrolment numbers and this year was no different.

“We’re happy to report that we have 46 more students than we anticipated in June with slightly higher enrolment at the JK level and higher than predicted numbers at St. Patrick High School,” said Mr. Mustapic.

“Overall we’re relatively satisfied and we should start to see enrolment stabilize now for the next few years,” he said.

## Opening Week Enrolment



ELEMENTARY	No. of Students
Actual Opening Day 2014	5,563
Projected 2014	5,510
Difference - Actual 2014 vs Projected	53
Actual Opening Day 2013	5,648
Difference - Actual 2014 vs Actual 2013	(85)

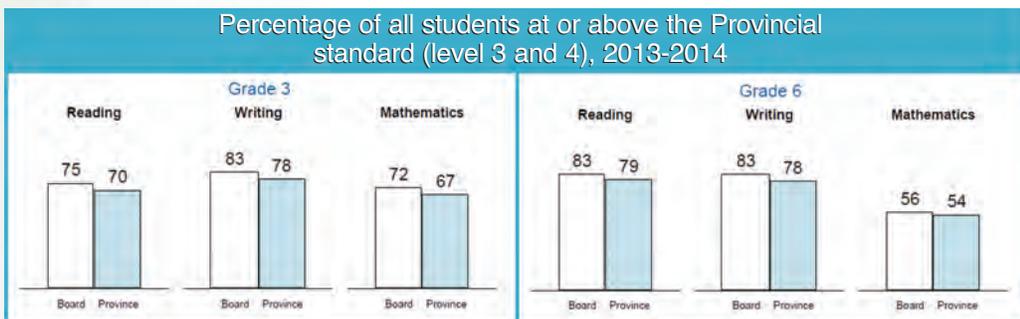
SECONDARY	No. of Students
Actual Opening Day 2014	2,248
Projected 2014	2,255
Difference - Actual 2014 vs Projected	(7)
Actual Opening Day 2013	2,337
Difference - Actual 2014 vs Actual 2013	(89)

TOTAL ENROLMENT	No. of Students
Actual Opening Day 2014	7,811
Projected 2014	7,765
Difference - Actual 2014 vs Projected	46
Actual Opening Day 2013	7,985
Difference - Actual 2014 vs Actual 2013	(174)

## Strong EQAO Scores Again

Once again, our Grade 3 and 6 students exceeded the provincial standards in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. We commend the students for demonstrating their fine thinking skills, thank parents for their commitment to the education of their children, and appreciate the dedication and focus of our teachers.

TBCDSB continues to be an educational leader in the region, as well as in the province.





### Heartfelt Goodbye

Board Chair Bob Hupka took a moment from Monday night's Board meeting to acknowledge the impressive work of Associate Director and Superintendent of Business and Corporate Services, Tom Mustapic and his many years of dedicated service, following his earlier announcement to retire this September. "Our Board has been extremely fortunate to have someone with such vision, commitment and intelligence to lead us to becoming one of the premiere boards in Ontario. For that Tom, the Board would like to thank you and we wish you well in your future endeavours," said Mr. Hupka.

### New Faces in New Places

This year, the Board welcomed a number of new staff members to our Student Achievement department and to our list of School Administrators. Some of the new staff members are replacing retired employees while others are filling new positions that were approved through the budget process.



#### New Administrative Staff

*From left, Lucy Goldberg, Acting Vice-Principal, St. Bernard School; Mike Filippetti, Principal, Bishop E. Q. Jennings School; Barb Strickland, Acting Principal, Our Lady of Charity; Frank Lacaria, Principal, St. Thomas Aquinas School; Anita Treesb, Vice-Principal, Bishop Gallagher School. Missing: Alma Provenzano, Vice-Principal, Bishop E. Q. Jennings School and Rory Hygaard, Vice-Principal, St. Ignatius High School.*



#### New Student Achievement Staff

*From left, Bobbi-Lynn Piccolo, ABA Support; John Kozyra, Senior Technical Officer; Ryan Gatto, Technology Resource Teacher K-8; Helene Breton, Itinerant Teacher for the Visually Impaired. Missing: Glenda Carleton, Attendance Counsellor.*

### Nutrition Program at all Elementary Schools

Education Officer Nadia Marson updated Trustees with the status of a system-wide nutrition program.

Last year, there were 10 schools offering a breakfast program in a variety of ways, some hot, some sit down and some grab and go: Bishop E.Q. Jennings, Bishop Gallagher, Pope John Paul II, St. Martin, St. Ignatius, Corpus Christi, St. Ann, St. Elizabeth, St. Jude and St. Pius schools

These programs are supported by a few local agencies including the Thunder Bay Boys and Girls Club, the Red Cross as well as school-based funding. This year, six more schools will be added, including Holy Cross, Our Lady of Charity, St. Francis, St. Margaret, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Vincent schools.

Ms. Marson said she had been working closely with the Thunder Bay District Health Unit to ensure that the meals include three of the four food groups listed in the Canadian Food Guide.

Proceeds from the past three Galas are being used to help offset the costs of some of the new nutrition programs.

Benefits of a school-based breakfast program include: improved test scores, stronger school attendance, growth in student attention and engagement, healthier student diet, improved student health and a decline in discipline issues.

