

## **Rainy River District School Board Results Indicate Grade Nine Students Continue to Improve on EQAO Math Assessment**

(October 2, 2007) - The results of the annual Provincial Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics for the Rainy River District School Board show that the Board's results continue to improve over time, especially in the Applied level program. Students in all publicly funded secondary schools in Ontario wrote the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) test earlier this year.

In 2006-2007, 296 Rainy River District School Board students wrote the test. For students in the Academic program, 68% achieved at or above the provincial standard, compared to 65% in 2006. The provincial figure remained unchanged at 71%. For students in the Applied program, 36% achieved the provincial standard, compared to 32% in 2006. The provincial score remained unchanged at 35%.

Overall, the Rainy River District School Board continues to improve its achievement on the EQAO Grade 9 Mathematics Assessment. Over the past 5 years, the percentage of students in Academic math at or above the provincial standard increased from 21% to 35% and results for students in the Applied level increased from 19% to 36%.

"The focus of the Board's numeracy plan for 2007-2008 is to increase the percentage of students that meets or exceeds the provincial standard of achievement, in both the Academic and Applied programs," noted Beth Fairfield, Secondary Curriculum Coordinator. "Our goal is to give students many opportunities for success in math. To do this we need to continue our support of teachers in meeting the needs of all the learners and the collaboration between intermediate teachers in Grades 7 through 10."

The provincial results and further information are available on the EQAO website, at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com).