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St. Aloysius CES Receives *Dr. Bette M. Stephenson Recognition of Achievement Award*

Award honours excellence in use of EQAO data to help students succeed

Waterloo Region, ON – *St. Aloysius Catholic Elementary School* in Kitchener has been named a recipient of the 2017 *Dr. Bette M. Stephenson Recognition of Achievement Award*. The award – named for the former long-time Ontario Education Minister -- was established in 2009 to recognize schools across the province for their use of data to enhance and support the progress of their students. The award will be presented in Toronto on May 5th.

Schools honoured with the award have used a wide range of evidence to develop action plans based on their unique circumstances and have seen notable improvements in student achievement, as demonstrated by an increase in EQAO results over time.

QuickFacts

- ✓ The Dr. Bette M. Stephenson Recognition of Achievement Award was established by the **Education Quality & Accountability Office (EQAO)** as a tribute to Dr. Stephenson's lifelong commitment and contribution to education and public service. Dr. Stephenson is currently a director emeritus on EQAO's Board of Directors.
- ✓ Every year, EQAO visits a number of schools to talk to educators and learn how EQAO data is being used to inform discussions and planning for student achievement. These schools are chosen because they have shown growth over time in their EQAO results, adopted an action plan based on their evidence and actively worked towards improved student outcomes.
- ✓ EQAO analyzes school results to identify schools that appear to be having success helping students who did not meet the provincial math standard in Grade 3 improve to meet the standard in Grade 6, while also maintaining a high proportion of students being successful in math across both assessments.

Quote

"It is my privilege as the principal of St. Aloysius CES to offer congratulations to the staff and students for their incredible accomplishment, built on collaboration, dedication and hard work. Bringing significant change is challenging, but the math is actually pretty simple: **Teamwork** plus **Patience** equals **Results**."

-- Janet Foote – Principal, St. Aloysius CES

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