

Exemplary Schools

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The Fraser Institute as reported in the Spectator has singled out Dundas Central as being an excellent school. Congratulations to Dundas Central, which has had excellent results for some time!

You will remember that the Fraser institute only considers k to 8 schools, and does not take into account the characteristics of the population that the school is serving.

The C.D.Howe institute has published a recent study (the Dave Johnson report) that looks at EQAO results combined with population statistics such as low income, unemployment, education, lone parents etc. They have then calculated how the school results compare for the population being served and given a percentage to each school. So for example a school with a 98% has only 2 % of schools with similar characteristics having better EQAO results in the province

Here are some preliminary results from that study.

The following HWDSB schools in **1999-2001-2** had EQAO results in **grade 3** that placed them as top schools in the province compared to schools serving similar populations of students.

Linden Park	93%
Fernwood Park	95%
Dundas central	96%
Mountview	98%
Allenby	98%
Lincoln Alexander	98%
Vern Ames	99%
Westwood	99%

Bennetto in the same Saturday newspaper article was mentioned as being one of the lowest schools in the province. Using the C.D.Howe data, that adds in population characteristics, Bennetto in the 1999-2001-02 period for Grade 3 had 82%. Only 18% of schools with the same characteristics were doing better.

Schools at the bottom in this time period were

Bellstone	0
Sir Isaac Brock	4%
King George	4%
Lloyd George	4%
Balaclava	8%
Elizabeth Bagshaw	8%