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Upper Grand District School Board

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GRADE 9 EQAO MATH RESULTS CONTINUE ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL AVERAGE

Guelph, Ontario: Students in both the academic and applied grade 9 math programs continue to achieve above the provincial averages in the 2012 EQAO assessments. Students in the academic stream earned 87% success, and applied students 53% compared with 84% and 44% provincially. Gains made by Upper Grand's applied students rose one percentage point over last year, and two percentage points for those enrolled in the academic stream.

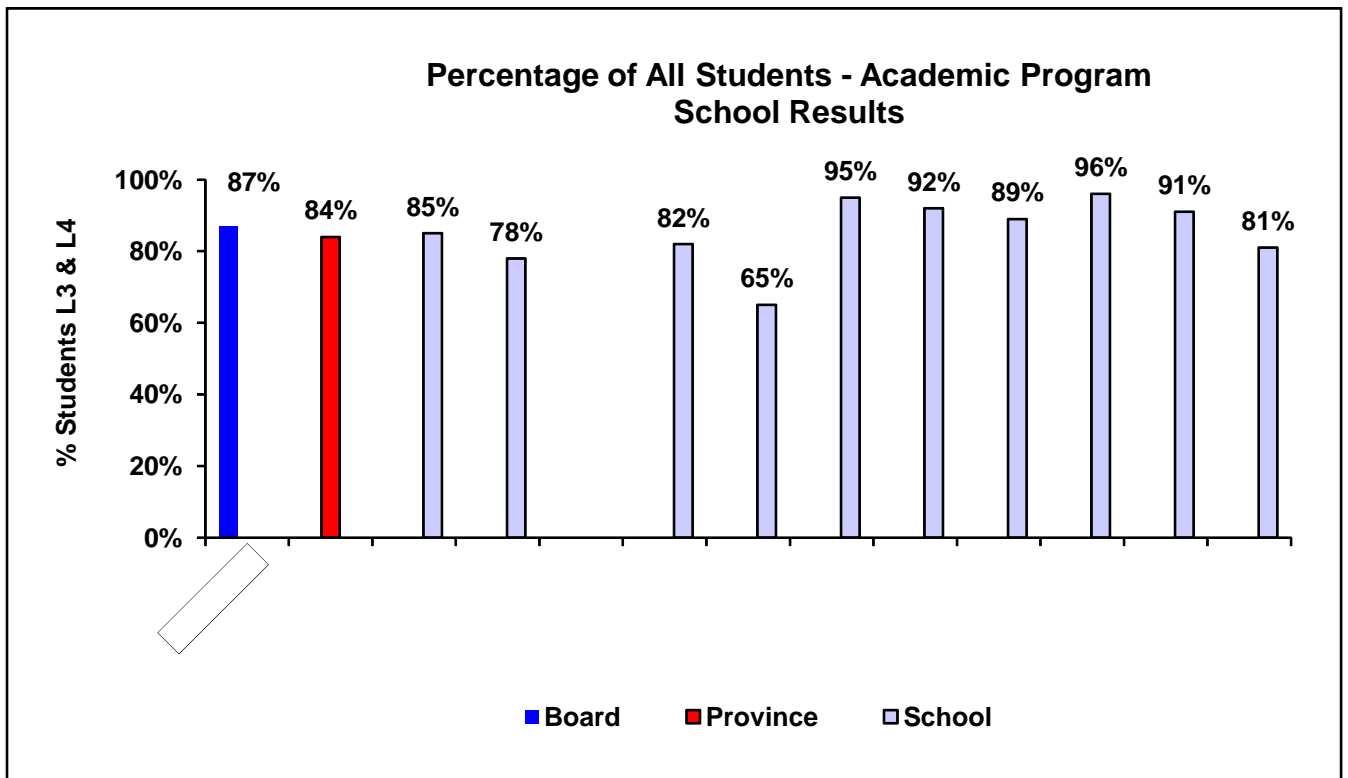
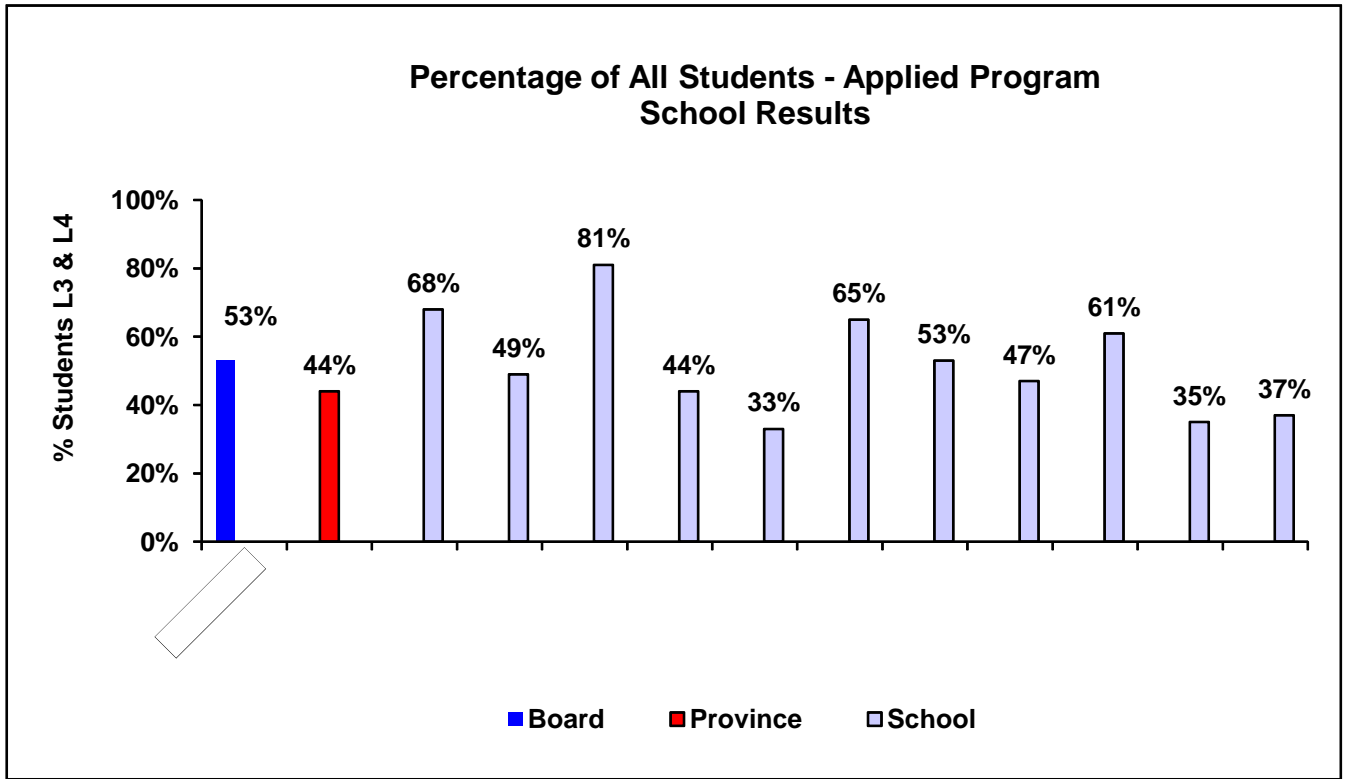
Girls and boys in the applied courses scored the same, with special needs students, (excluding gifted) showing a 42% success rate. In the academic program, girls lag behind boys (girls 86% and boys 88%) but only by two percent and students with special needs achieved at 80%.

"The results show that we're consistently improving our instruction in grade 9 math," said Bob Borden, Chair of the Board. "The strategies our teachers are using and the thoughtful analysis they put into the results are having the desired effect in improving our instructional practice".

Teachers in grades 7 to 9 have a forum for collaboration, co-planning and co-teaching of lessons and are involved in Math Coaching. This past year's Grade 9 Gap Closing provided teachers with resources and strategies to help students catch up on concepts and skills missed in number sense, algebra and geometry

With yet another year of data the areas for focus continue to be identified. Members of the Numeracy Committee of the Student Success Initiative, Math Department heads and Curriculum Leaders will be able to direct efforts in these areas into this school year and beyond.

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Additional information and school by school results are posted on the board's website at www.ugdsb.on.ca/eqao, and from the EQAO's website at www.eqao.com.

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