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### Grade 7 Literacy Assessment Results for 2005.

The following are the school by school, Grade 7 Literacy Assessment Results from the fall of 2005.

| School                | <b>Reading Assessment</b> |                         |                    | <b>Writing Assessment</b> |                         |                    | Total Students |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
|                       | Experiencing Difficulty   | Appropriate Performance | Strong Performance | Experiencing Difficulty   | Appropriate Performance | Strong Performance |                |
| Beaverbrook           | 44.1                      | 52.9                    | 2.9                | 73.5                      | 26.5                    | 0.0                | 34             |
| Bessborough           | 19.6                      | 68.6                    | 11.8               | 27.5                      | 66.7                    | 5.9                | 51             |
| Birchmount            | 52.7                      | 47.3                    | 0.0                | 50.9                      | 49.1                    | 0.0                | 55             |
| Caledonia             | 27.5                      | 65.0                    | 7.5                | 47.5                      | 52.5                    | 0.0                | 40             |
| Dorchester            | 55.6                      | 44.4                    | 0.0                | 88.9                      | 11.1                    | 0.0                | 9              |
| Edith Cavell          | 51.7                      | 34.5                    | 13.8               | 62.1                      | 34.5                    | 3.4                | 29             |
| Evergreen Park        | 15.1                      | 44.1                    | 40.9               | 40.9                      | 59.1                    | 0.0                | 93             |
| Havelock              | 30.8                      | 53.8                    | 15.4               | 46.2                      | 53.8                    | 0.0                | 13             |
| Hillcrest             | 43.2                      | 52.3                    | 4.5                | 68.2                      | 31.8                    | 0.0                | 44             |
| JMA/ Salisbury Middle | 40.4                      | 52.8                    | 6.7                | 58.4                      | 41.6                    | 0.0                | 89             |
| Lewisville            | 37.8                      | 53.1                    | 9.2                | 54.1                      | 45.9                    | 0.0                | 98             |
| Lou MacNarin          | 56.3                      | 39.6                    | 4.2                | 70.8                      | 29.8                    | 0.0                | 48             |
| Magnetic Hill         | 40.0                      | 56.0                    | 4.0                | 64.0                      | 36.0                    | 0.0                | 50             |
| Marshview             | 39.6                      | 49.5                    | 11.0               | 56.0                      | 42.9                    | 1.1                | 91             |
| Petitcodiac           | 33.3                      | 53.8                    | 12.8               | 46.2                      | 53.8                    | 0.0                | 39             |
| Port Elgin            | 44.0                      | 44.0                    | 12.0               | 48.0                      | 52.0                    | 0.0                | 25             |
| Queen Elizabeth       | 25.6                      | 61.6                    | 12.8               | 45.3                      | 54.7                    | 0.0                | 86             |
| Riverside             | 66.7                      | 33.3                    | 0.0                | 100.0                     | 0.0                     | 0.0                | 9              |
| Riverview Middle      | 31.3                      | 60.1                    | 8.6                | 56.0                      | 44.0                    | 0.0                | 268            |
| Shediac Cape          | 48.6                      | 40.0                    | 11.4               | 54.3                      | 45.7                    | 0.0                | 35             |
| Sunny Brae            | 41.4                      | 53.4                    | 5.2                | 55.2                      | 44.8                    | 0.0                | 58             |
| <b>District 2</b>     | <b>36.0</b>               | <b>53.4</b>             | <b>10.6</b>        | <b>54.4</b>               | <b>45.3</b>             | <b>0.4</b>         | <b>1264</b>    |
| <b>Province</b>       | <b>38.5</b>               | <b>53.6</b>             | <b>7.8</b>         | <b>57.2</b>               | <b>42.4</b>             | <b>0.4</b>         | <b>6364</b>    |

The Grade 7 Literacy Assessment is an assessment of students' reading comprehension and writing capabilities. It is administered in the fall of their Grade 7 year. The assessment provides schools with information on individual students and how they are progressing in these two areas. This is the first year where this assessment has not been administered as a pilot project. The writing standards have previously been in the development stage.

Schools will use this information to support and develop instructional plans for students and classes. These students will participate in the Grade 9 Literacy Assessment in a couple years so this information will help teachers to identify those in need of additional support and guidance in order for the student to be successful in the required Grade 9 assessment.

Assessments of this type are also useful in assisting schools with the identification of resources that can best assist teachers in supporting the achievement of these student targets. "Writing Traits" a new resource recently placed in our schools is one such example. The area of student writing has been and will continue to be a primary focus for all K-12 schools.

School District 2 is committed to communicating our progress in achieving improvements in school results. Schools will report results to their school communities as well as involve them in their plans for school and student improvement through their PSSCs.

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