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To all School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) community members:

**Re. PISA results rank BC students among the best in the world**

I write to you today to proudly pass on exceptional news on the high quality of the education system in Canada, B.C. and School District No. 43 (Coquitlam).

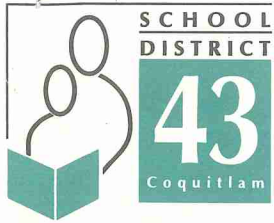
The results from the 2015 Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), an international standardized test, puts B.C. students on top of 72 countries and multiple jurisdictions tested in three key subjects.

- B.C. students achieved the #1 highest average score in reading.
- B.C. students were only surpassed by one country in science.
- B.C. students were #6 in math.
- Canada ranked fourth overall among all countries.
- B.C. also demonstrated high equity in student performance, narrowing the gap between the highest and lowest performing students, showing the system is delivering high student achievement in an equitable manner.
- B.C. boys and girls showed no significant difference.
- SD43 student academic achievement continues to be well above the B.C. average.
- SD43 is #1 in the Metro Vancouver region for student graduation rates.

This is further testimony to the hard work and successful achievements of our students, the dedicated efforts of parents, teachers, support staff, principals, vice-principals, management personnel and senior leadership, and the high quality of B.C.'s education system overall.

The 2015 PISA rankings were compiled by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), which measured math, science and reading levels in 540,000 randomly-selected 15-year-olds from 72 countries.

Approximately 21,000 Canadians from about 900 schools across the country's 10 provinces took part. The tests are administered every three years and are highly regarded by the international academic community.



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To read more details, visit the following links:

BC Government News Release: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2016EDUC0265-002592>

The OECD report: <http://www.oecd.org/pisa/>

Executive Summary of Results: [www.oecd.org/pisa/pisa-2015-results-in-focus.pdf](http://www.oecd.org/pisa/pisa-2015-results-in-focus.pdf)

The Canadian Report: [www.pisacan.ca](http://www.pisacan.ca)

Yours truly,

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM) BOARD OF EDUCATION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kerri Palmer Isaak". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kerri Palmer Isaak  
Chair, Board of Education

cc: Board of Education  
Patricia Gartland, Superintendent of Schools  
Chris Nicolls, Acting Secretary-Treasurer