

Locally elected, Canadian school boards deserve to boast

International Literacy Comparison

Country	Score
Russian Federation	565 (3.4)
Hong Kong	564 (2.4)
Alberta	560 (2.4)
Singapore	558 (2.9)
British Columbia	558 (2.6)
Luxembourg	557 (1.1)
Ontario	555 (2.7)
Italy	551 (2.9)
Hungary	551 (3.0)
Sweden	549 (2.3)
Germany	548 (2.2)
Netherlands	547 (1.5)
Belgium (Flemish)	547 (2.0)
Bulgaria	547 (4.4)
Denmark	546 (2.3)
Nova Scotia	542 (2.2)
Latvia	541 (2.3)
United States	540 (3.5)
England	539 (2.6)
Austria	538 (2.2)
Lithuania	537 (1.6)
Chinese Taipei	535 (2.0)
Quebec	533 (2.8)
New Zealand	532 (2.0)
Scotland	527 (2.8)
France	522 (2.1)
Poland	519 (2.4)
Spain	513 (2.5)
Israel	512 (3.3)

Early PISA Results Leaked

The Globe and Mail received early leaked Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) results yesterday.

Good news, the table on the right shows Canadian teenagers ranking third in science.

Full results including provincial comparisons will be available on Tuesday.

www.pisa.oecd.org/pages/0,2987,en_32252351_32235731_1_1_1_1_1,00.html

International Literacy Comparison

The table on the left shows the result of recently released results from the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement.

It is a result of a series of tests of nine-year-olds' (Grade 4) ability to read literary and informational passages.

The first test was conducted in 2001.

www.eqao.com/NIA/PIRLS/PIRLSrep ort.html

PISA Science Comparison

Country	Mean Score
Finland	563
Hong Kong	542
Canada	534
Chinese Taipei	532
Estonia	531
Japan	531
New Zealand	530
Australia	527
Netherlands	525
Liechtenstein	522
Korea	522
Slovenia	519
Germany	516
United Kingdom	515
Czech Republic	513
Switzerland	512
Macao-China	511
Austria	511
Belgium	510
Ireland	508
Hungary	504
Sweden	503
Poland	498
Denmark	496
France	495
Croatia	493
Iceland	491
United States	489