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New Fraser Institute rankings of Ontario secondary schools out today

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TORONTO—The Fraser Institute today released its annual rankings of Ontario secondary schools, allowing parents to compare the academic performance of schools across the province.

"Our Report Cards offer parents information they can't easily get anywhere else, about how their child's school performs and how it compares to other schools in Ontario," said Peter Cowley, a Fraser Institute senior fellow.

This year, the *Report Card on Ontario's Secondary Schools* ranks 689 public, Catholic, and independent schools based on eight academic indicators derived from provincewide test results.

And contrary to common misconceptions, the data suggest every school can improve regardless of type, location, and student characteristics.

For example, Englehart, a public school in Northeast Ontario, is one of the fastestimproving high schools in the province, rising from a score of 2.2 out of 10 in 2016 to 6.5 in 2022.

Likewise, Toronto Ouest, a French public school in Toronto, is one of the fastestimproving school (rising from 4.9 in 2016 to 8.5), even though 13.7 per cent students have special needs.

"It doesn't matter where a school is ranked, or what challenges its students may face. The evidence is clear—all types of schools, located all over the province with different types of students, are all capable of improvement," Cowley said.

For the complete results on all ranked schools and to compare the performance of different schools, visit <u>www.compareschoolrankings.org</u>.

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