



ONTARIO EDUCATION SERVICES CORPORATION

## Professional Development Program for School Board Trustees

Modules

# 2 Effective Governance for Student Achievement and Well-Being: Boards Matter!

## Case Study

### Student Achievement – our results aren't so good!

The River Canyon Board of Education was in turmoil and the community was up in arms. The district's results on the EQAO exams had been made public through the local newspapers and Riverside's schools had not fared well.

River Canyon had gone through some tremendous changes this year, including downsizing at the lumber mill, closing of the local furniture factory and a relatively large influx of immigrants from Sri Lanka and Somalia, who came to River Canyon for work and for whom English is a second language.

You are the Chair of the River Canyon Board of Education. In consultation with Board members and the Director of Education, draft a news release to address the results and the community's concerns about them. Use **Module 2** to help you work through this case study.