

Ontario Education Improvement

"We are improving each year.

People are getting smarter.

We are starting to think school has potential!"

- Ontario elementary student 2010

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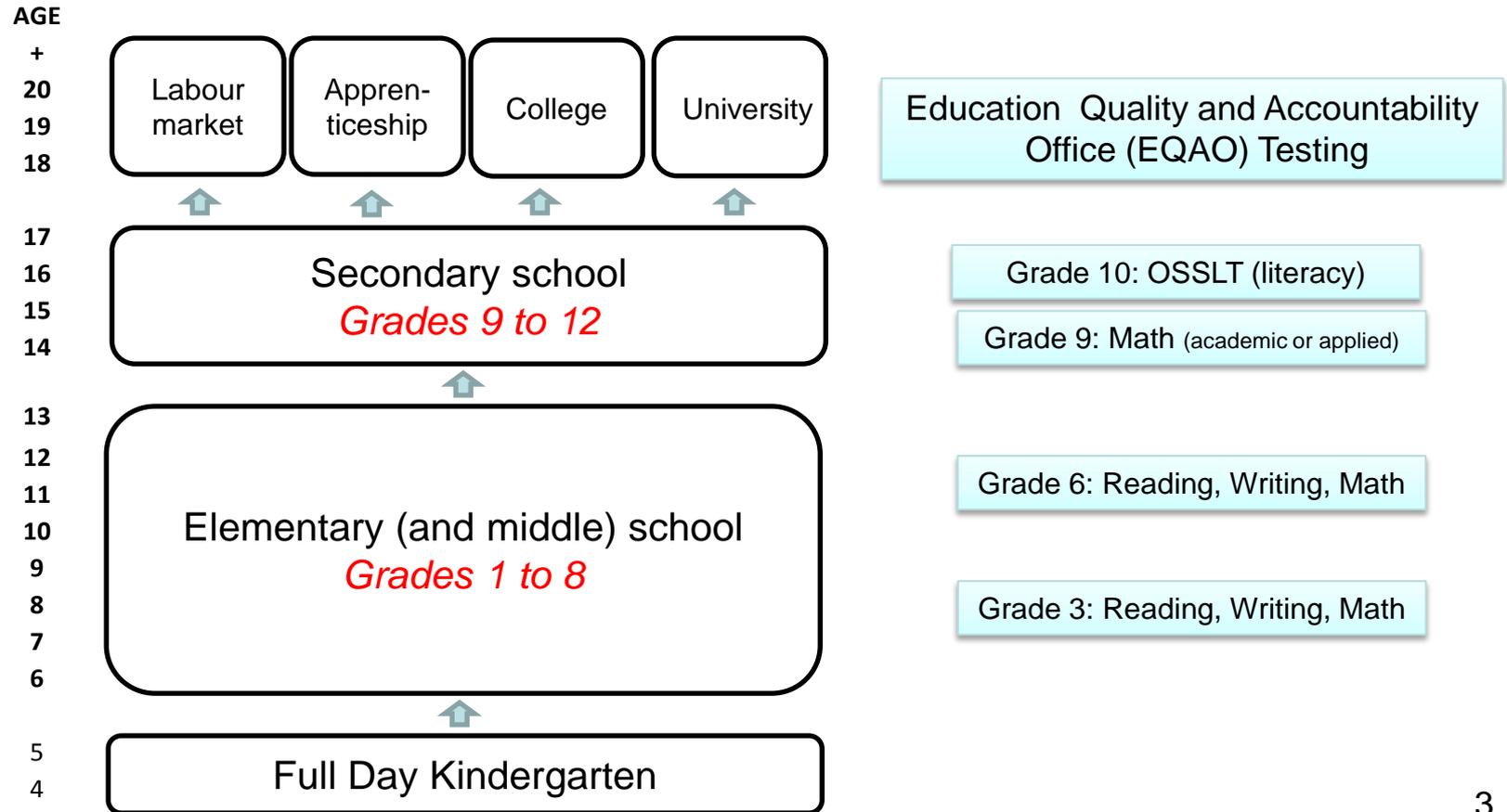


Ontario Context

- Over 1 million square kilometres of land
- 40% of Canada's 33.6 million people
- In 2013, Ontario received 40.0% (103,402) of permanent resident admissions to Canada (258,619)
- 2 million students; English is not the first language of many of our students
- About 5,000 schools in 72 school districts
- Total board staff: 213,700
- 126,000 teachers (unionized teaching and support staff)
- 7,600 principals and vice-principals
- Funding of \$24.8B (CDN) in 2014-15
- About 20% of provincial budget



Ontario's K-12 Education System



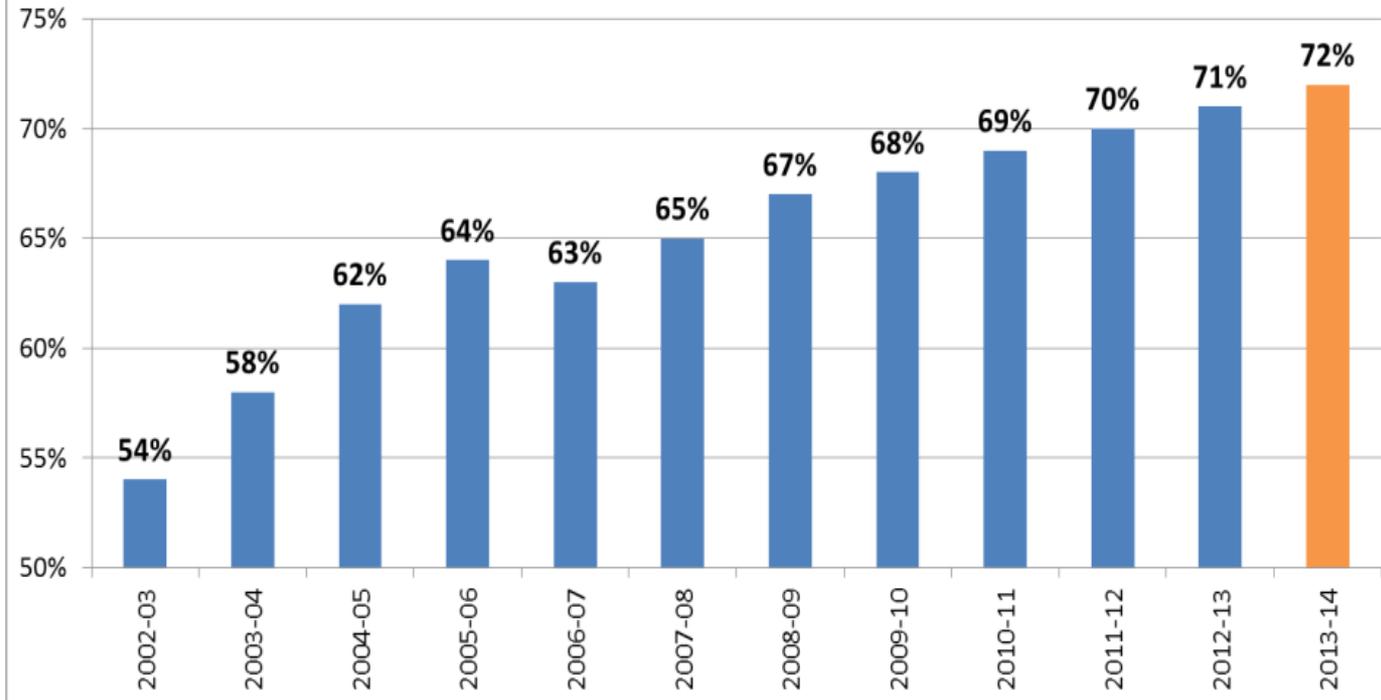
Elementary Outcomes: Achievement Results

Over **170,000** more students at provincial standard

4 key levers for elementary reform:

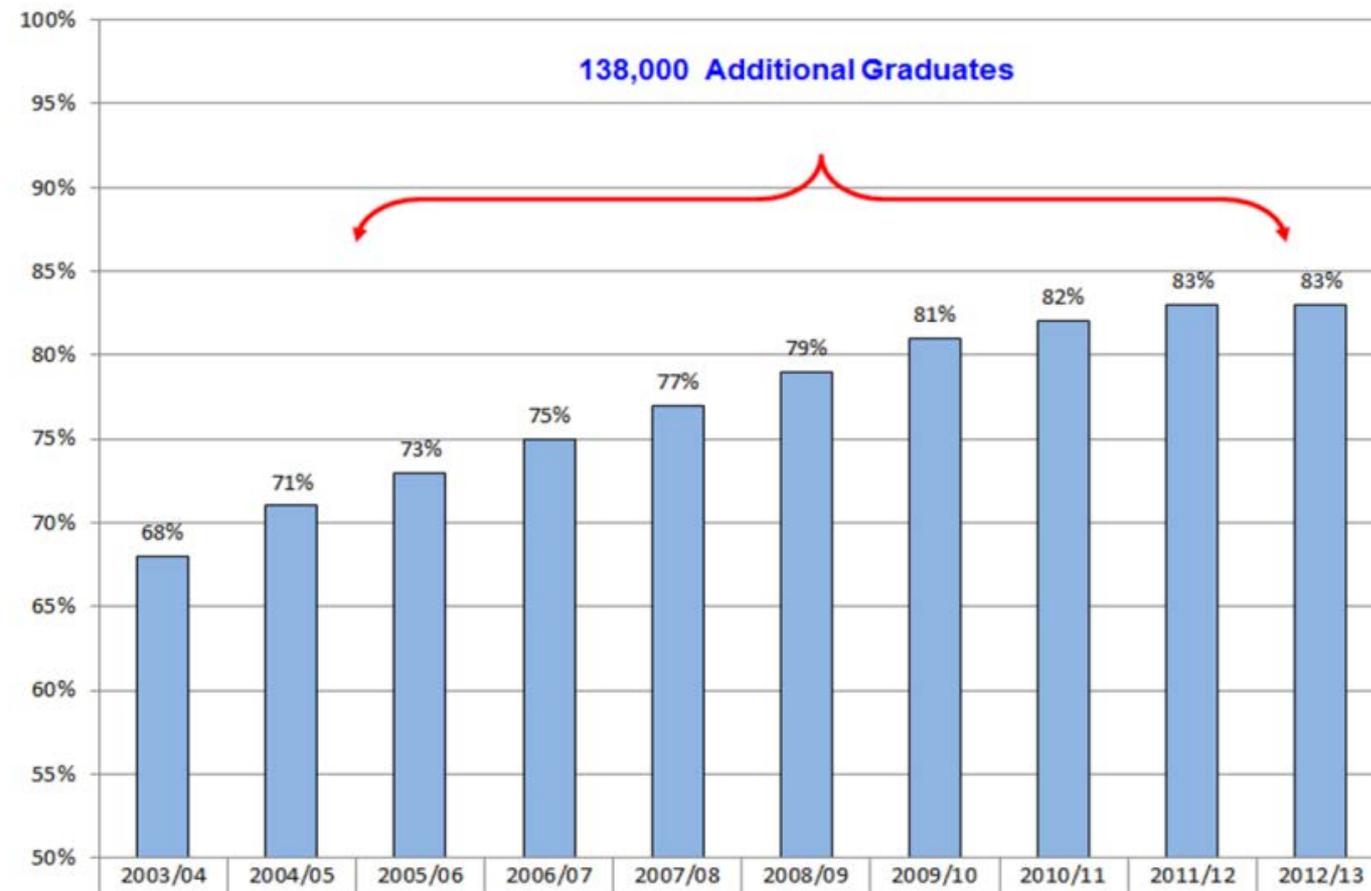
1. Improving classroom teaching and learning
2. Improving school effectiveness
3. Leadership capacity building
4. Research and evaluation

Overall Elementary Achievement Growth:
2002-03 to 2013-14



Secondary Outcomes: Achievement Results

Provincial Graduation Rate



6 key levers for secondary reform:

1. Leadership infrastructure
2. Engaging and relevant programming
3. Effective instruction
4. Focused Interventions for students at risk of not graduating
5. Legislation and policy development
6. Research, monitoring and evaluation

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support every child
reach every student

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appuyer chaque élève



Capacity Building: Lessons from Ontario

Ontario's strong PISA results would suggest that this emphasis on building the critical thinking and problem-solving skills of teachers has strengthened the capacity of teachers to enable the development of these same kinds of skills in their students.

From OECD Report: Strong Performers and Successful Reformers in Education: Lessons from PISA for Japan – 2011

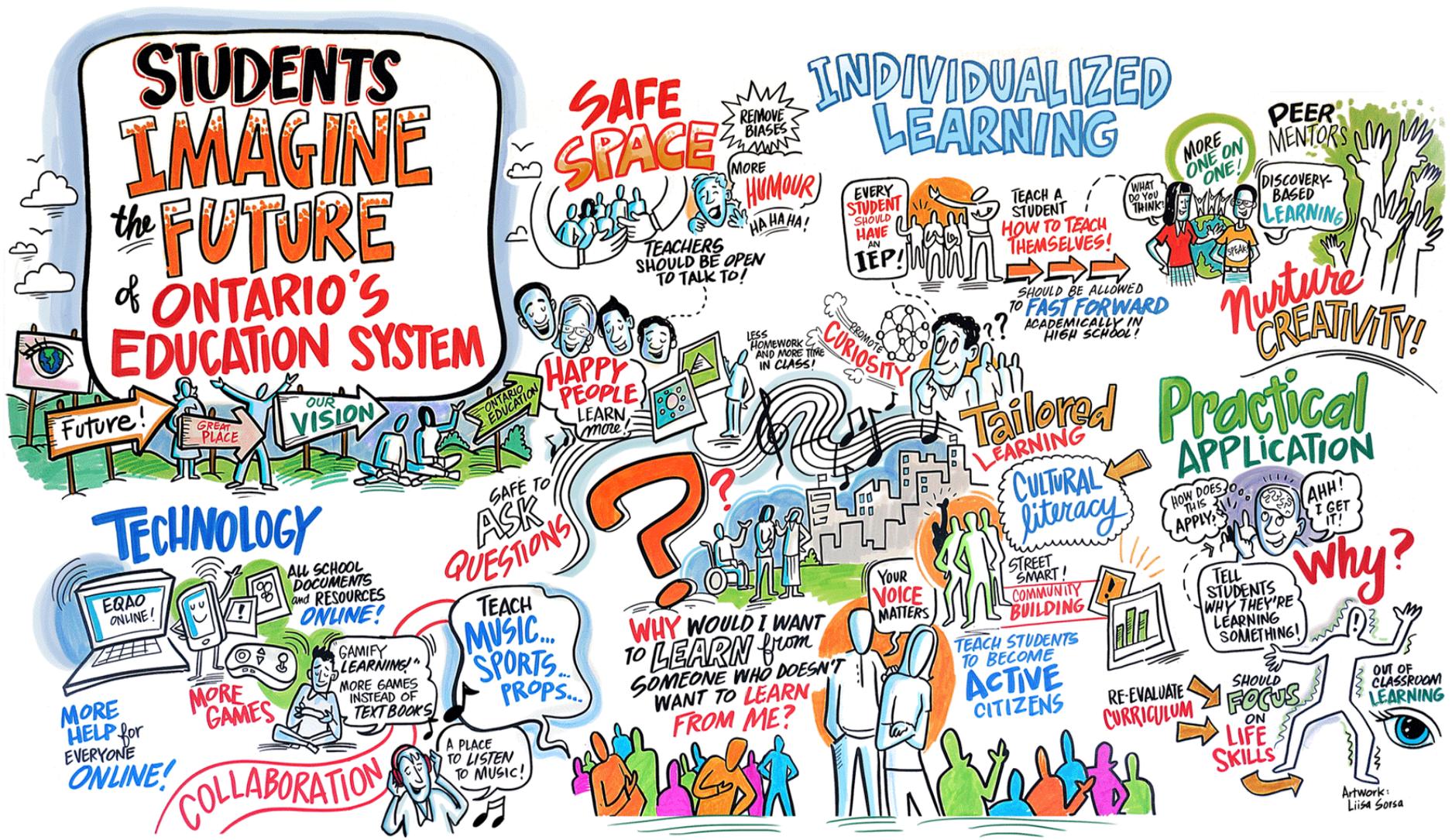
*Today, Ontario's publicly funded education system – acknowledged as one of the best in the world – partners with parents, guardians and communities to develop graduates who are **personally successful, economically productive and actively engaged citizens.***

From Achieving Excellence, 2014
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Levers to Successful Improvement Systems

1. A small number of ambitious goals
2. Leadership at all levels
3. High standards and expectations
4. Investment in leadership and capacity building related to instruction
5. Mobilizing data and effective practices as a strategy for improvement
6. Intervention in a non-punitive manner
7. Reducing distractions
8. Being transparent, relentless and increasingly challenging



Thank you!

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