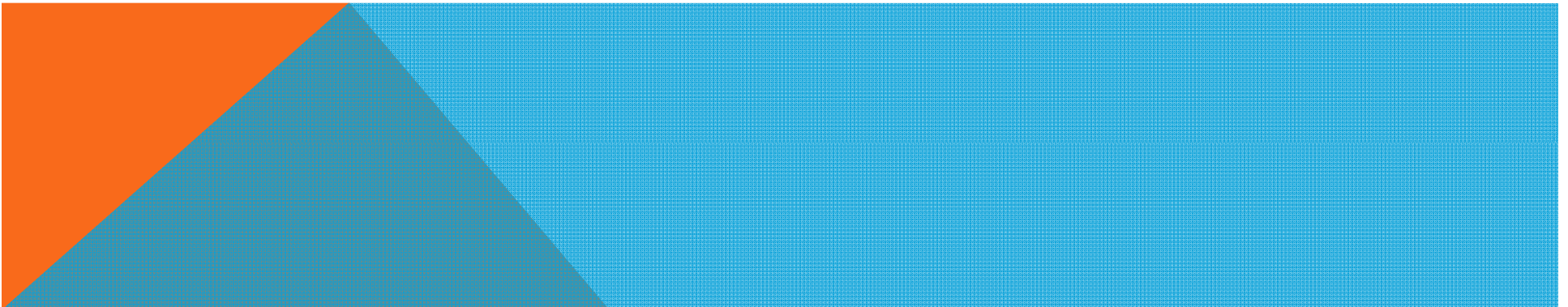


**PATHWAYS ELIGIBILITY
PROJECT**

DARTMOUTH NORTH ASSOCIATION - APRIL, 2012

PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

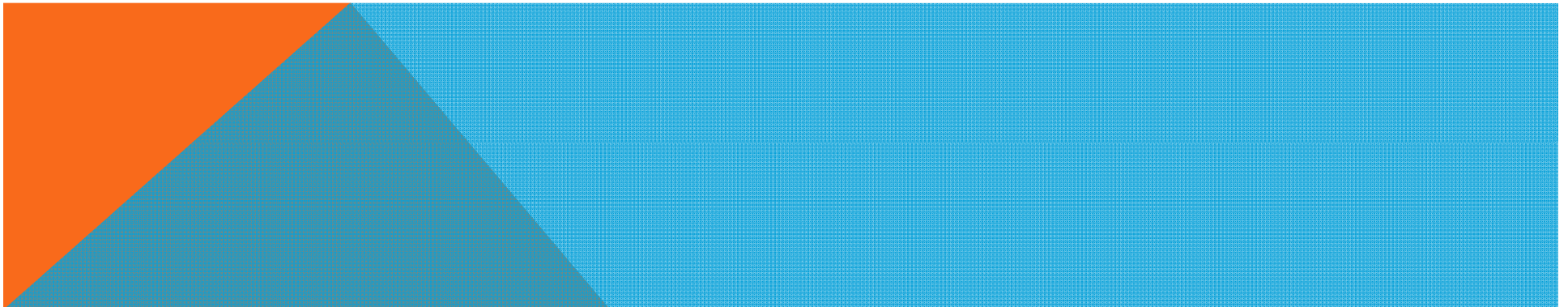
- Is Dartmouth North eligible to apply for the Pathways to Education Program?
- What other information can we use to learn about the education of our children that will help support them?



SOMETHING TO CONSIDER

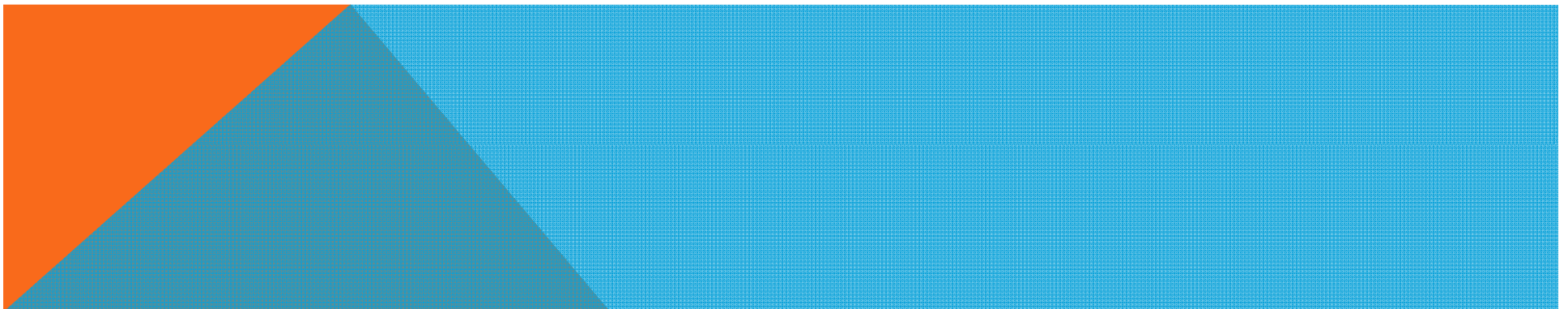
Of the children who do not develop good literacy skills by the end of Grade 2, 70% will not complete high school.

- Dartmouth Learning Network



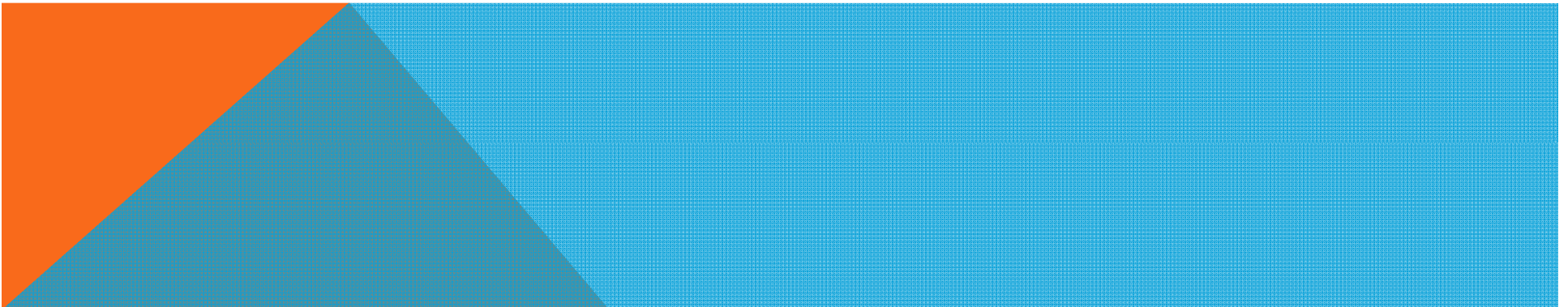
WHAT IS PATHWAYS?

- Pathways to Education helps youth graduate from high school and successfully transition into post-secondary education.
- Pathways provides leadership, expertise and a community-based program proven to lower dropout rates.
- Founded in 2001, Pathways operates in eleven communities across Canada.



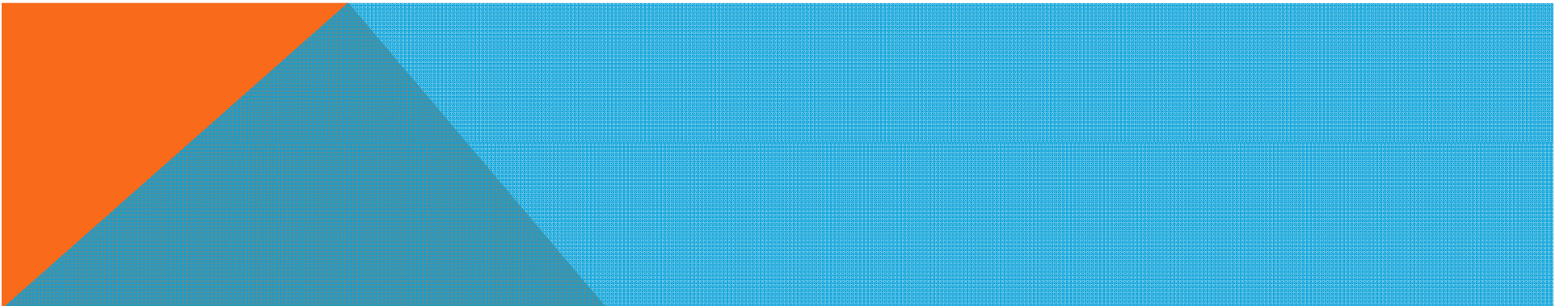
HOW PATHWAYS WORKS

- The program provides a set of academic, financial and social supports to youth.
- The results have been a reduction of high school drop-out rates by over 70 per cent.
- Increasing enrolment by youth to go to college or university by as much as 300%.



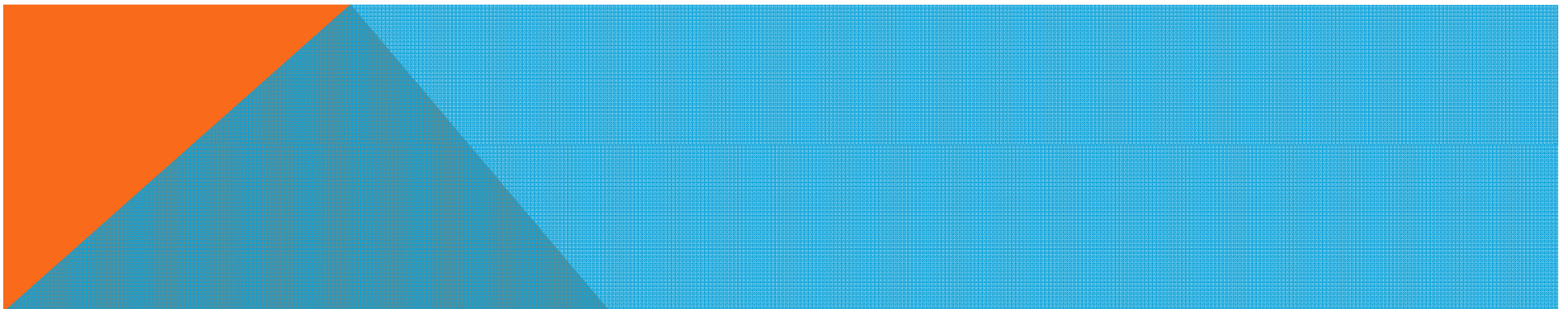
TO BE ELIGIBLE....

- 40 % drop out rate
- Community Commitment

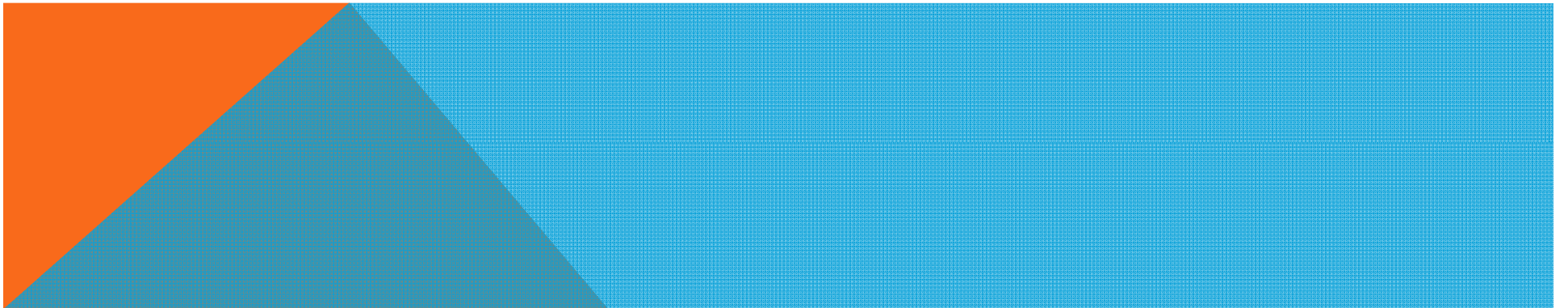


METHODOLOGY

- **Hired a consultant to gather data**
 - School Attendance
 - Level of Education Attained
 - Withdrawal Rates
 - Graduation Rates
- **Used the information to estimate a dropout rate in Dartmouth North**



WHAT WE FOUND



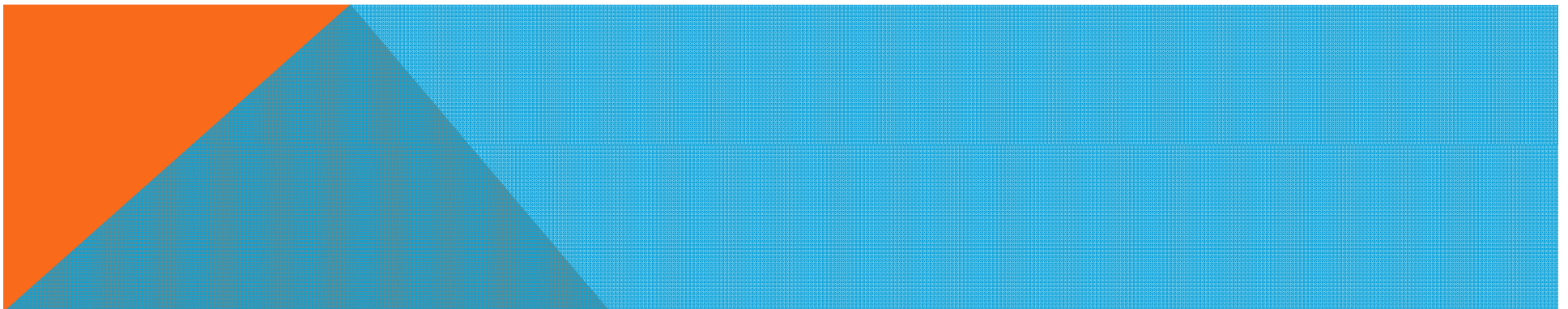
ATTENDANCE

Youth ages 15 – 24 not attending school

33.4% - Nova Scotia

31.3% - Halifax Regional Municipality

52.5% - Dartmouth North



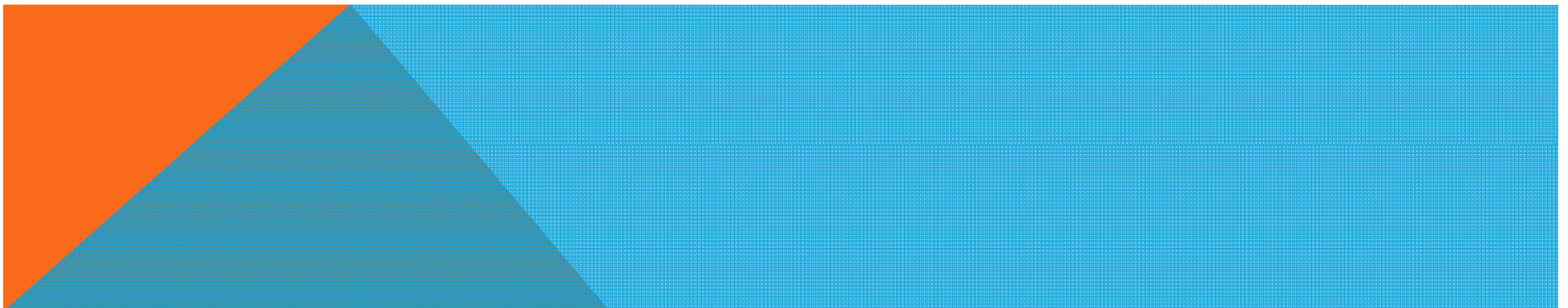
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Dartmouth North Youth ages 15 - 24

- Higher rate of no high school diploma than rest of HRM
- Lower rate of people going to post secondary
- Lower rate of achieving Bachelor Degree

Dartmouth North ages 25-64

- 22% of people did not attain a High School Diploma
- 15 % is the average for HRM

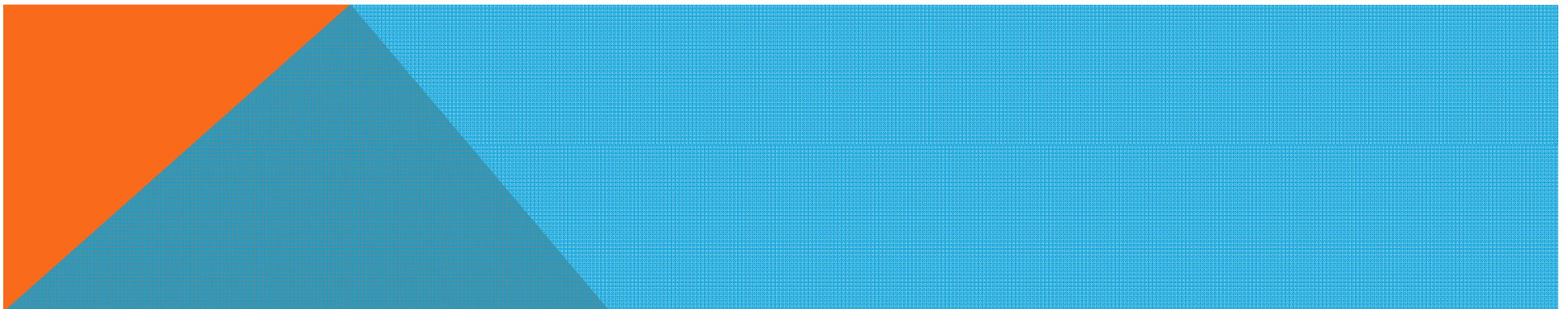


EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENTS

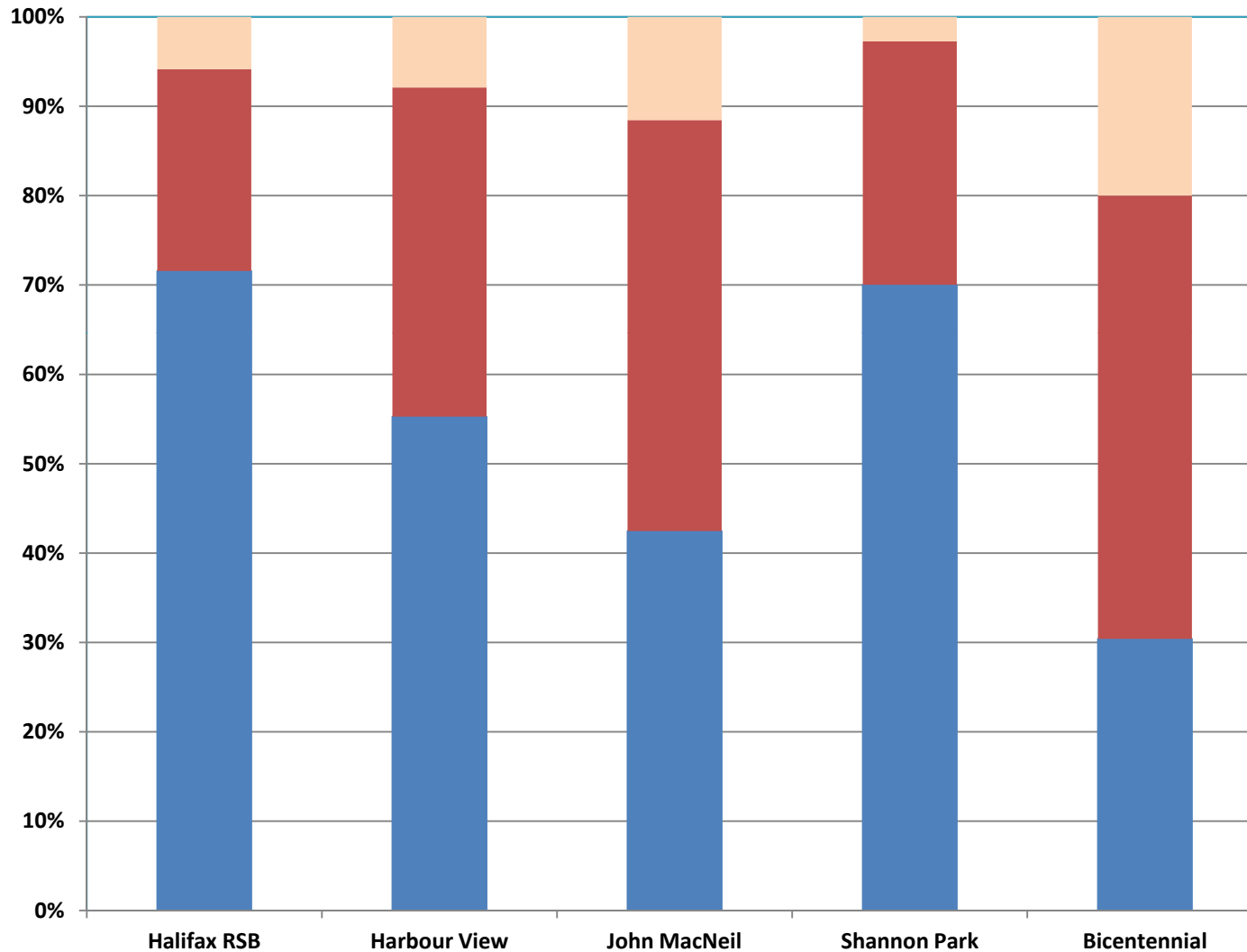
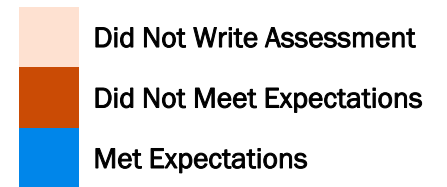
Provincial assessment results for Dartmouth North schools:

- Harbour View Elementary
- Shannon Park Elementary
- John MacNeil Elementary
- Bicentennial P-9
- John Martin Junior High
- Dartmouth High

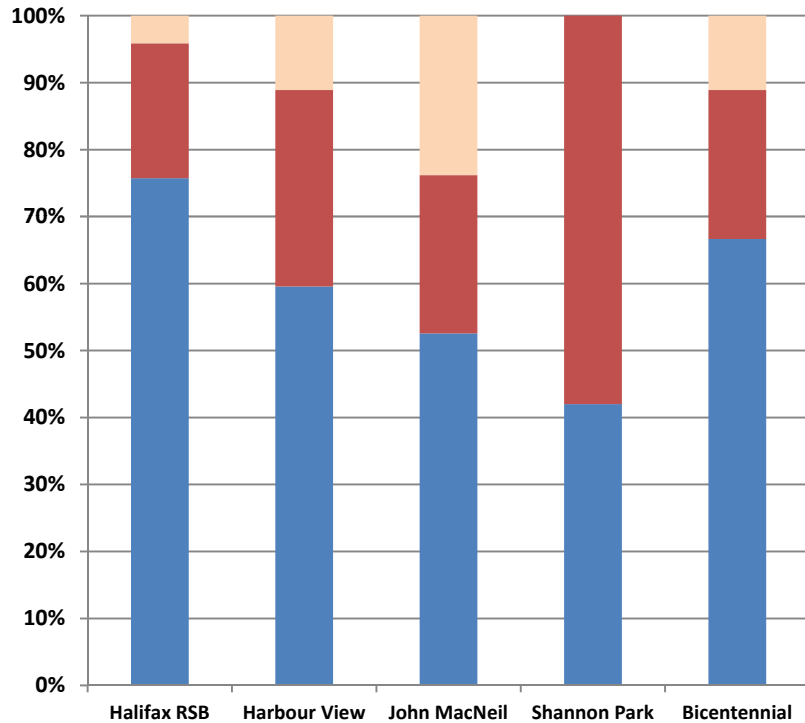
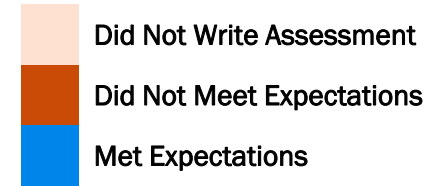
Standardized curriculum across Nova Scotia



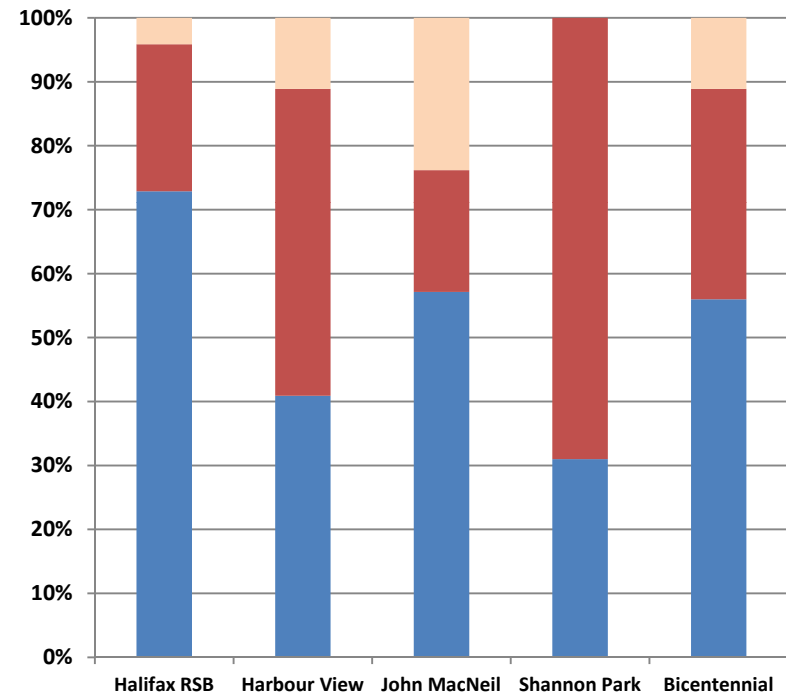
GRADE 3 MATH RESULTS – 2010



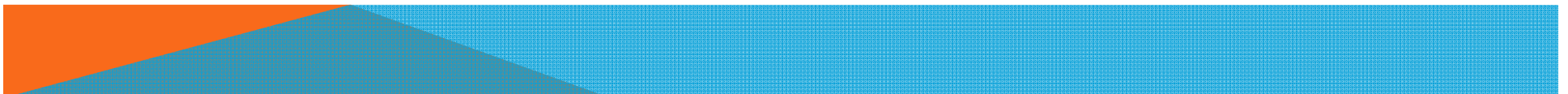
GRADE 3 READING & WRITING - 2010



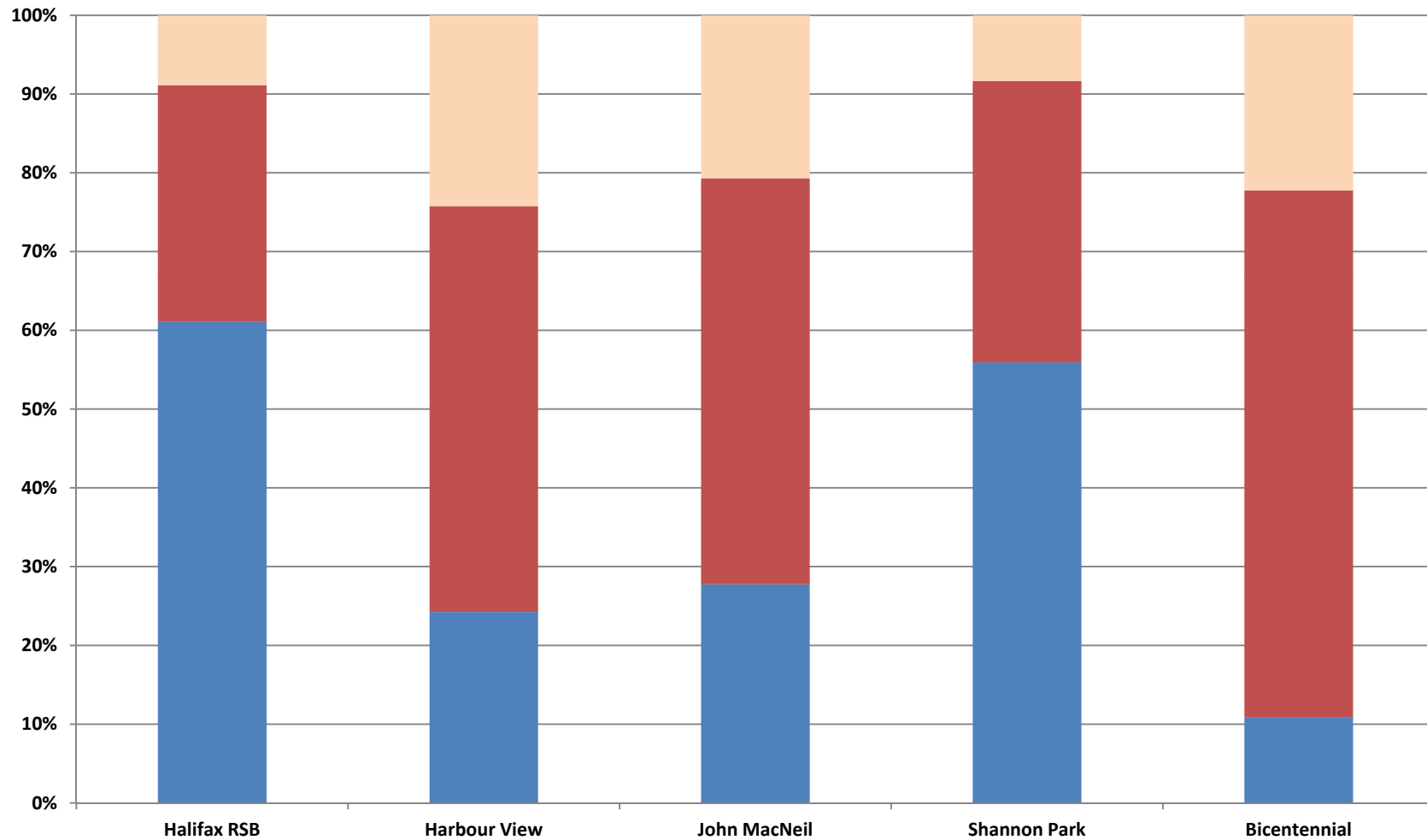
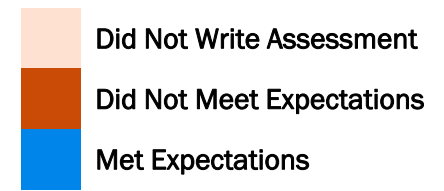
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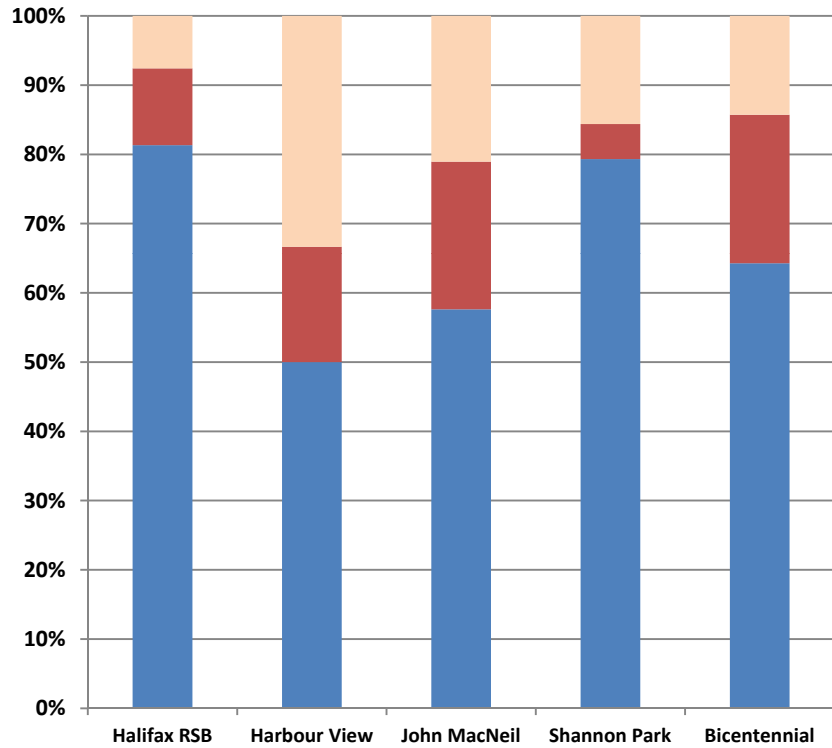
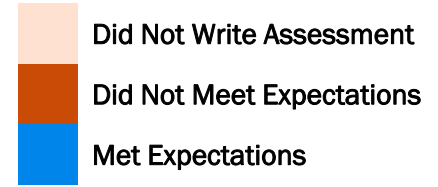
Narrative Writing



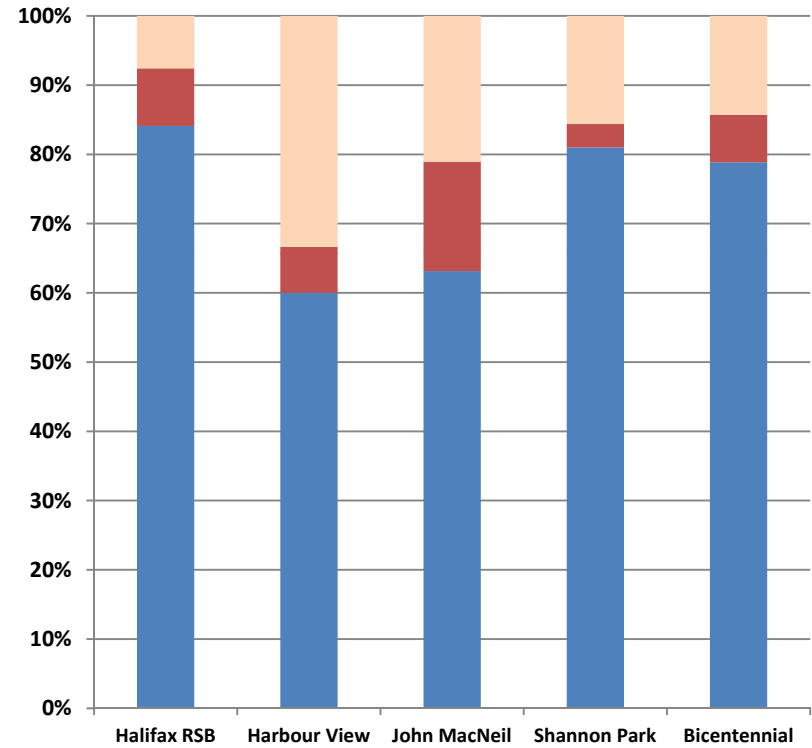
GRADE 6 MATH RESULTS – 2010



GRADE 6 READING AND WRITING



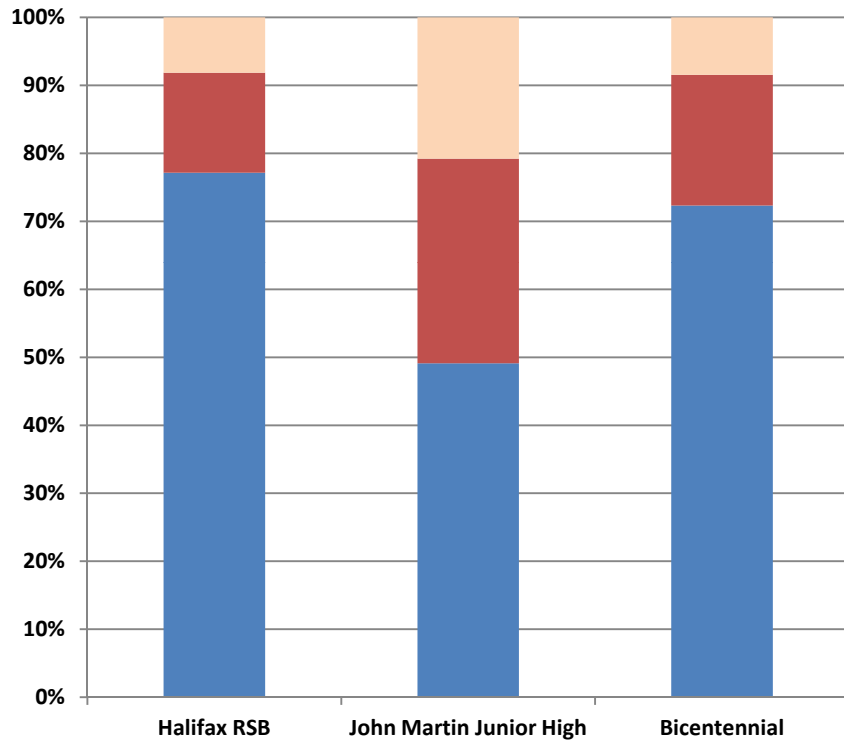
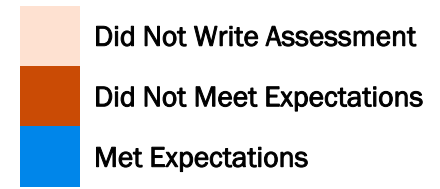
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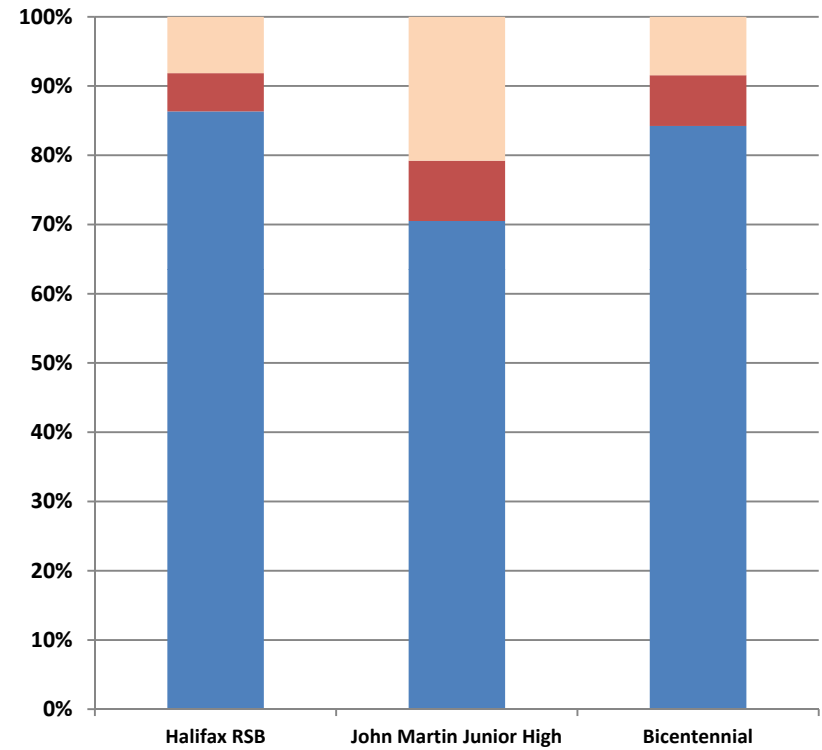
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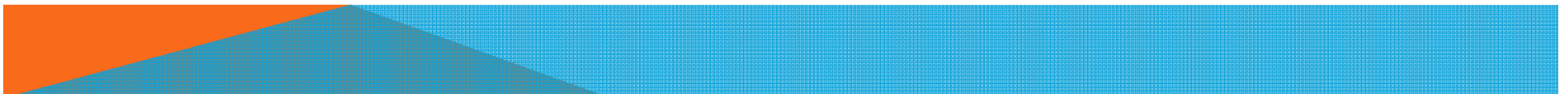
GRADE 9 READING & WRITING



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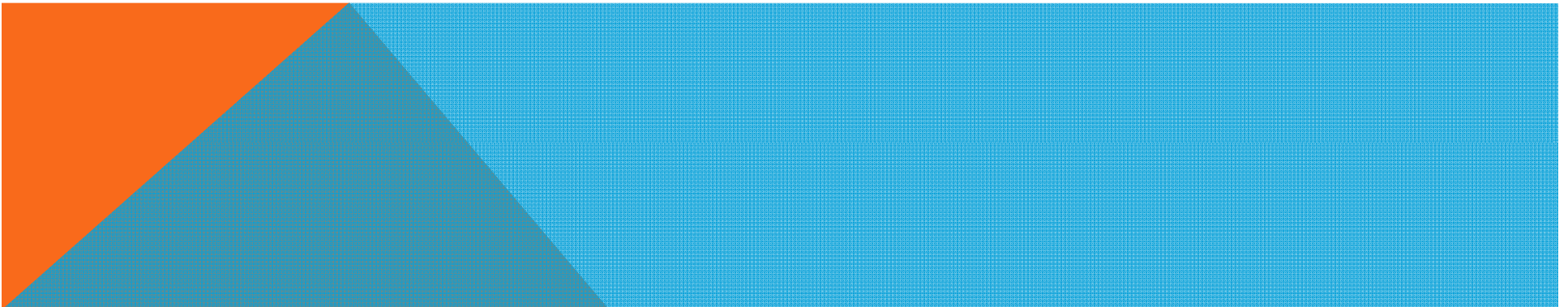


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WITHDRAWAL RATES

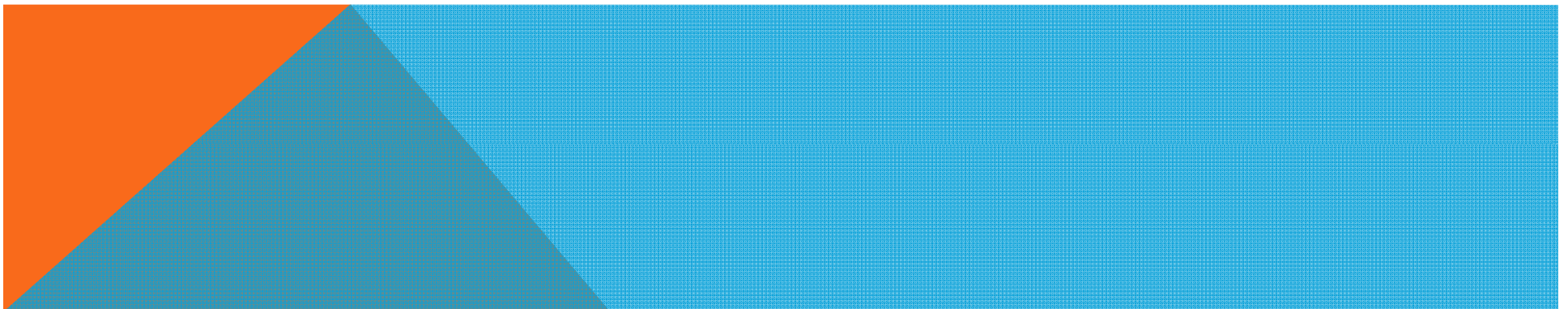
- Based on youth who started and then withdrew during the school year
 - 12.5 % (2009-10)
- Some students go to FLECs
 - 20 – 27% drop out rate (2006-11)



GRADUATION RATES

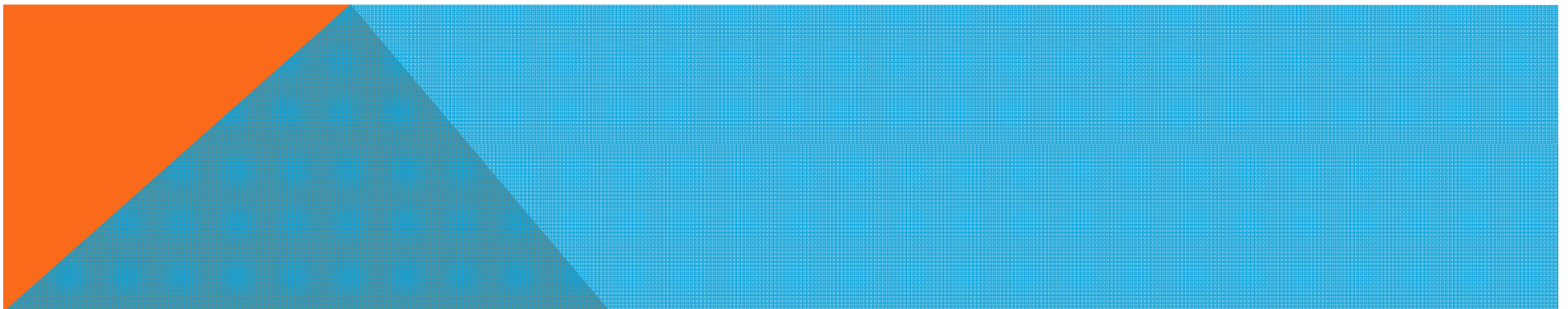
- Based on the # of students in Grade 12 with enough credits to possibly graduate that year.
 - 87.2 % in 2008-09
 - 79.7% in 2009-10
 - 75.8% in 2010-11

Note: Youth living in Dartmouth North who attended Dartmouth High had a graduation rate of 69.6%



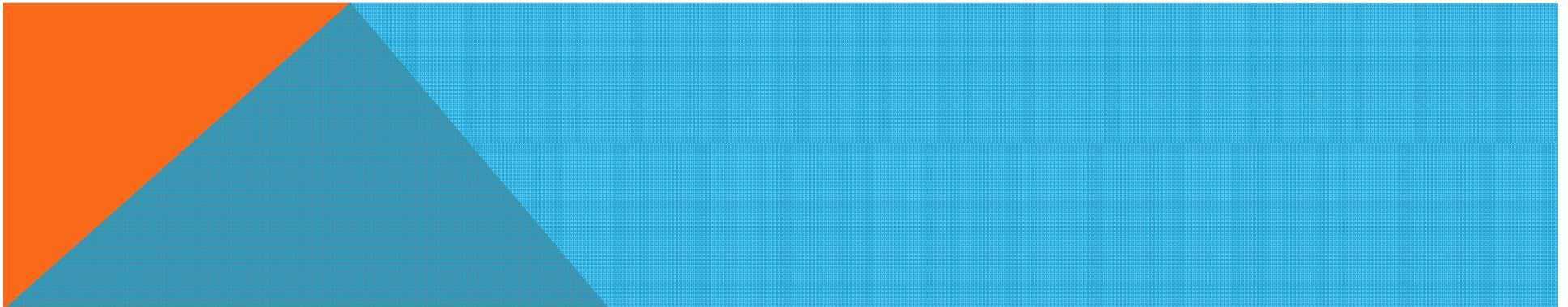
DROP OUT RATE

- Used data from the NS Department of Education
- Using available data the dropout rate for a large part of Dartmouth North is at least 40%



FINDINGS

- We believe we meet the 40% dropout rate to be eligible to apply for the Pathways Program
- Too many children are not writing the provincial assessment tests
- Nova Scotia Provincial Assessments:
 - Dartmouth North children are scoring lower on Provincial Assessment tests than other children in HRM
- HRSB School Assessments:
 - Dartmouth North is achieving at a lower level than the rest of HRM



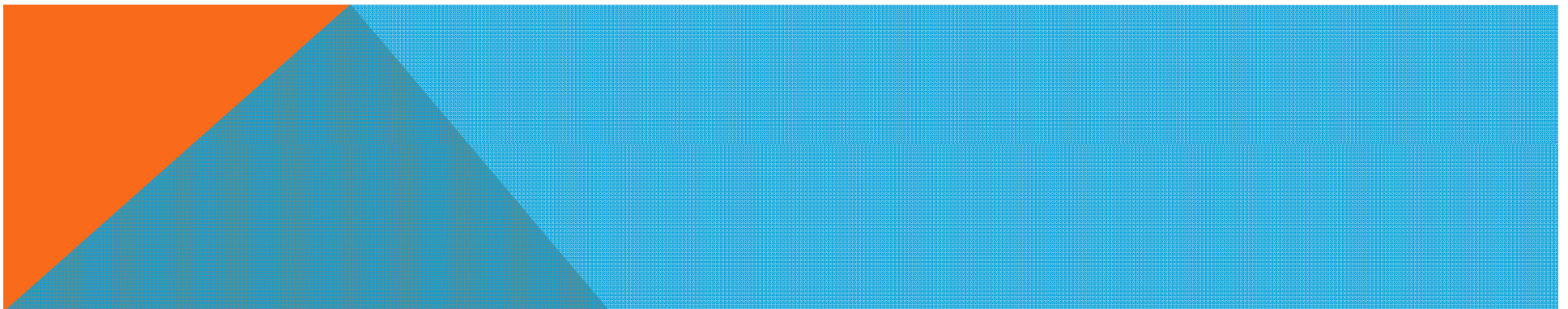
**For children to experience success in school,
one factor stands out from all the others:**

**“Someone, somewhere expected
them to do better, and they did.”**

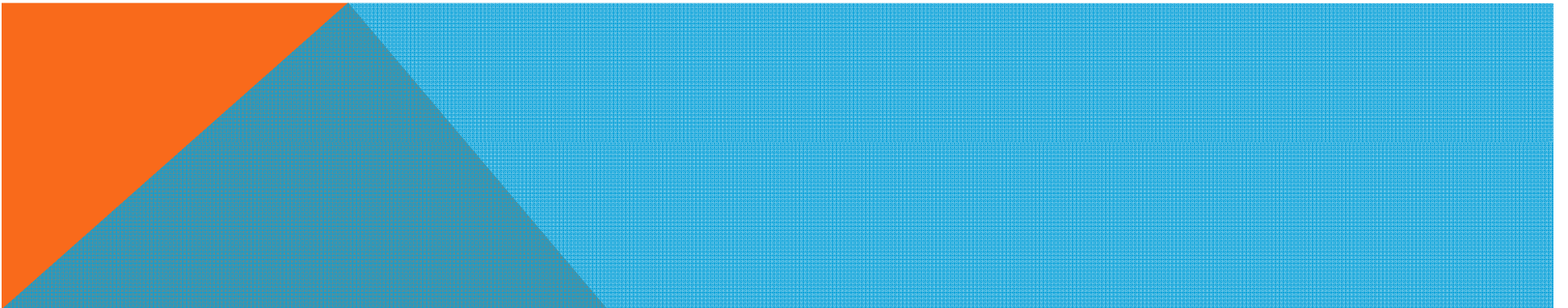


REPORT AVAILABLE

- Copies of the full report are available here tonight
- Both documents available at www.dennispilkey.ca

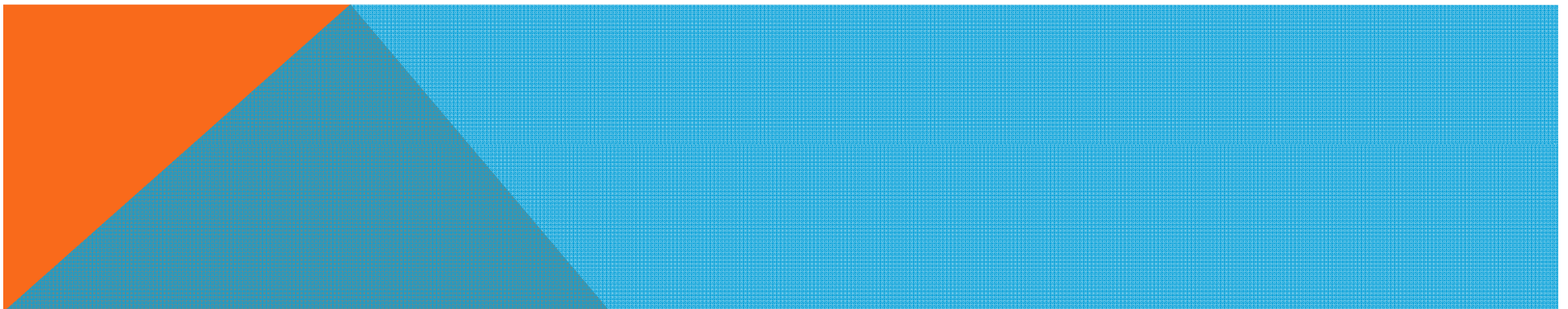


QUESTIONS & COMMENTS



NEXT STEPS

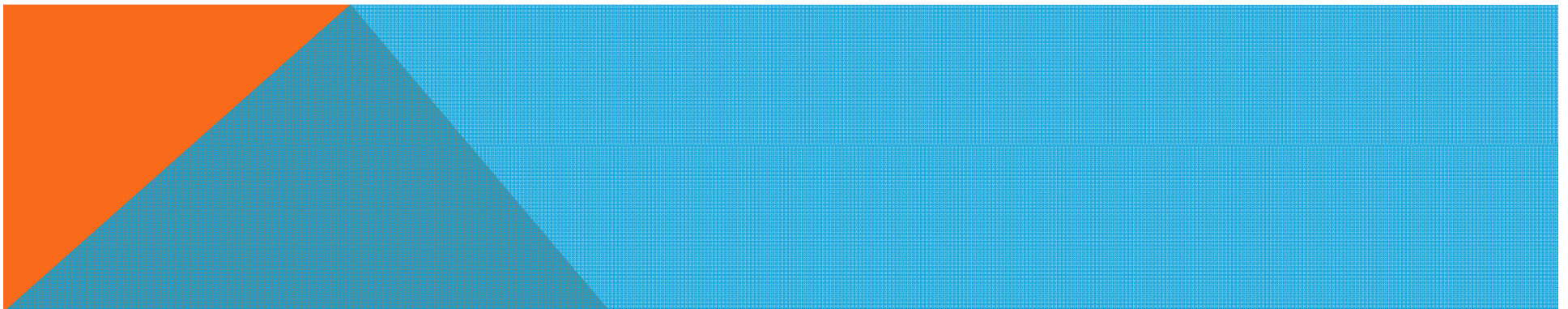
- Pursue the Pathways to Education Program for Dartmouth North
- Build Community Commitment to improve the education experience of our children



SURVEY

We believe that educators, parents, and community working together is critical to the success of our children

- What did you think of the presentation?
- How do you plan to get involved?
- What ideas do you have on how schools, parents and community can work together to support the education of our children?



THANK YOU

