THE 2023 LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES INDEX: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q1. What is the Learning Opportunities Index (LOI)?

A1.

There is a strong correlation between the current LOI and the LOI produced three years ago. The correlation for the elementary school index is 0.978 and the correlation for the secondary school index is 0.969.

Q10. How does the LOI address year -over -year changes in schools?

A10. The LOI is recalculated every three years.

In some instances, year-over-year changes in a specific variable could result in a significant shift in a school's ranking. Sometimes, these changes are short-lived and are seen only in one specific year.

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components of the LOI are derived by linking data to the postal code of the student's residence. Postal code data is complete for over 99.9% of student records. However, there is no current way to check on the validity of a postal code compared to an address. If a postal code is entered incorrectly, it will incorrectly link to tax and other data[1].

The extent of such inaccuracies and the impact they may have on LOI rankings cannot be determined definitively. Regardless, we are confident that the LOI is an accurate representation of the differences among schools and well correlated with external challenges to student achievement.

[1] Related to this, Statistics Canada attaches the following Postal Code Validation Disclai

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1085	Thistletown Collegiate Institute	33	25	33	35	47	0.73726						

444	William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate Institute	91	89	91	82	82	0.11922	0.15003	0.17468	0.28388	0.27496	5	LC2
1013	Leaside High School	92	94	99	107	108	0.09836	0.08330	0.05681	0.02427	0.01029	11	LC1