Press Release - MET releases overall ISMET/OIA results on Oregon Benchmark Testing

Tigard, Oregon, USA 8/15/2008 - The Muslim Educational Trust is proud to release overall school results of both the Islamic School of MET (ISMET) and the Oregon Islamic Academy (OIA) for the Oregon Statewide Assessment Tests for the 2007/2008 academic year. 3rd graders were tested in Mathematics and Reading/Literature, while 5th and 8th graders were tested in Mathematics, Reading/Literature, and Science. 4th and 7th graders were tested in Reading/Literature, Mathematics, and Writing.

Overall, ISMET/OIA students performed outstandingly well.

- 96% of all students met or exceeded state expectations in Reading & Literature (with 46% exceeding)
- 81% met or exceeded state expectations in Mathematics (with 35% exceeding)
- 74% met or exceeded expectations in Science
- 80% of all students tested met or exceeded expectations in Writing.

3rd, 5th, and 8th graders outperformed all Oregon Public School Districts as a whole in all subject areas as did the 4th and 7th graders in writing.

The 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, and 8th graders also outperformed many of the leading individual public school districts in many or all subject areas. These districts include the Beaverton Public School District, Lake Oswego Public School District, Portland Public Schools District, and the Tigard-Tualatin Public School District.

The 3rd graders and 5th graders were especially strong. As a group, 100% of them met or exceeded expectations in Reading and 97% met or exceeded in Mathematics; 60% exceeded expectations in Reading and Literature, and 40% exceeded expectations in Mathematics. Although it is difficult to compare district scores with a single school's performance, the 70% of 5th graders who exceeded expectations in Reading and Literature represents a remarkable number: no other grade in any district had as high of a percentage of its students exceed expectations in a single subject matter.

ISMET/OIA is extremely proud of its students, its teaching staff, and the community volunteers who have helped to make the school a success. We thank and praise Allah for His help and guidance and look forward to continued success in the future, Inshaa Allah.

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