

# Could Still Do Better!

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This book describes itself as an interim report card on Ontario's recent education reforms, which it characterizes as having "enormous potential" but "not yet meeting provincial expectations". While not focused on special education per se, it is an interesting look at where the public education system has been and is now, where it should head and how to get there. The Ontario Coalition for Education Reform (OCER) itself advocates for accountability and outcomes: testing, reporting, standards, cost-benefits of expenditures etc. Readers should be aware of OCER's mandate, political goals and biases (which to its credit, it outlines clearly),

but given that caveat, this short report still makes very informative and thought-provoking material.

This book is free on request from [www.ocer.org](http://www.ocer.org)

