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Exhibit 1

Reading Achievement Overall

Countries	Average Scale Score
Sweden	561
Netherlands	554
England	553
Bulgaria	550
Latvia	545
Canada (O,Q)	544
Lithuania	543
Hungary	543
United States	542
Italy	541
Germany	539
Czech Republic	537
New Zealand	529
Scotland	528
Singapore	528
Russian Federation	528
Hong Kong, SAR	528
France	525
Greece	524
Slovak Republic	518
Iceland	512
Romania	512
Israel	509
Slovenia	502
Norway	499
Cyprus	494
Moldova, Rep. of	492
Turkey	449
Macedonia, Rep. of	442
Colombia	422
Argentina	420
Iran, Islamic Rep. of	414
Kuwait	396
Morocco	350
Belize	327
International Avg.	**500**

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Exhibit 2

Literary and Informational Reading

Literary

Countries	Average Scale Score
Sweden	559
England	559
Netherlands	552
United States	550
Bulgaria	550
Hungary	548
Lithuania	546
Canada (O,Q)	545
Italy	543
Latvia	537
Germany	537
Czech Republic	535
New Zealand	531
Scotland	529
Singapore	528
Greece	528
Russian Federation	523
Iceland	520
France	518
Hong Kong, SAR	518
Slovak Republic	512
Romania	512
Israel	510
Norway	506
Slovenia	499
Cyprus	498
Moldova, Rep. of	480
Turkey	448
Macedonia, Rep. of	441
Colombia	425
Iran, Islamic Rep. of	421
Argentina	419
Kuwait	394
Morocco	347
Belize	330
International Avg.	**500**

Informational

Countries	Average Scale Score
Sweden	559
Netherlands	553
Bulgaria	551
Latvia	547
England	546
Canada (O,Q)	541
Lithuania	540
Germany	538
Hungary	537
Hong Kong, SAR	537
Czech Republic	536
Italy	536
United States	533
France	533
Russian Federation	531
Singapore	527
Scotland	527
New Zealand	525
Slovak Republic	522
Greece	521
Romania	512
Israel	507
Moldova, Rep. of	505
Iceland	504
Slovenia	503
Norway	492
Cyprus	490
Turkey	452
Macedonia, Rep. of	445
Colombia	424
Argentina	422
Iran, Islamic Rep. of	408
Kuwait	403
Morocco	358
Belize	332
International Avg.	**500**

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Exhibit 3

Upper and Lower Quarter Benchmarks

Countries	Upper Quarter Benchmark	Lower Quarter Benchmark
Sweden	47	96
England	45	90
Bulgaria	45	91
United States	41	89
Netherlands	40	98
Canada (O,Q)	37	93
Italy	36	92
Hungary	36	94
Lithuania	36	95
Latvia	36	96
New Zealand	35	84
Singapore	35	85
Germany	34	93
Scotland	32	87
Czech Republic	32	93
Israel	28	79
Greece	28	89
Romania	27	81
Russian Federation	27	92
France	26	90
Hong Kong, SAR	26	92
Slovak Republic	23	88
Iceland	23	85
Norway	19	80
Cyprus	18	77
Slovenia	17	83
Moldova, Rep. of	15	79
Macedonia, Rep. of	10	55
Turkey	7	58
Argentina	5	46
Iran, Islamic Rep. of	4	42
Colombia	3	45
Morocco	3	23
Kuwait	2	36
Belize	1	16

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