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Re: Accommodation for upcoming EQAO test

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear <Parent or Guardian>:

Between November \_\_ and November \_\_, 2023, and March \_\_ and April \_\_, 2024, students in Grades 10 and 11 and non-graduating students will participate in the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT).

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the accommodation(s) your child will receive when participating in the OSSLT, in accordance with their Individual Education Plan.

The OSSLT is administered province-wide by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). It is used to determine whether a student has the literacy skills required to meet the standard expected by The Ontario Curriculum for understanding and creating various text forms across all subjects up to the end of Grade 9. Successful completion of this test or the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC) is a requirement for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSLD).

The EQAO results are a snapshot of trends in student learning, which are useful to consider when talking about ways to support a student's success. The results can be considered alongside other information, such as report card and classroom assessment, to help understand how a student is meeting The Ontario Curriculum expectations in reading and writing.

The online test allows all students to have access to a variety of accessibility tools, including a text-to-speech function that reads aloud the text on the screen. These tools are available directly on the student toolbar in the e-assessment platform. Students may wish to become familiar with these tools by taking the practice test found on EQAO's website: [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com).

The following additional accommodations will be provided, as permitted, when your child is participating in the OSSLT.

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If you have any questions or concerns about the accommodation(s) your child will receive, please contact me or your child's teacher.

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<Principal's name>

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