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Re: Upcoming EQAO Assessment 2023–2024

Dear parents and guardians:

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) measures whether students are meeting the minimum standard for literacy across all subjects up to the end of Grade 9.

This year, the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) will be offering the online OSSLT to students in Grades 10 and 11 and non-graduating students, including those who are learning remotely. Successful completion of this literacy test is one of the requirements to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

Between November __ and Nov __, 2023, and March __ and April __, 2024, our eligible students will be taking part in the OSSLT.

Students will complete the test in two sessions (Session A and Session B). Each session is designed to be completed between 65-75 minutes, and students will complete each session in one sitting. Additional time may be provided for any students who require it. After completing both sessions, students will be presented with a questionnaire that asks them about their experiences, attitudes, and perceptions with respect to literacy.

Each student will receive an Individual Student Report after the scoring of the test by EQAO. The school will make these reports available to students.

Students can become familiar with the online test and its accessibility tools through EQAO's online practice test. For more information about EQAO and to view the full practice test, you are encouraged to visit EQAO's website at www.eqao.com.

Sincerely,

[signature of principal]

Principal