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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Re: Upcoming EQAO Assessment 2021–2022

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 computer-based online OSSLT to eligible students across the province. Successful completion of this literacy test is one of the requirements to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

Between **April 26, 2022 and April 28, 2022**, our eligible students who are learning in-person and remote eLearning will be taking part in the OSSLT. Students who will be graduating during the 2021-2022 school year **do not** need to take the OSSLT, as this literacy graduation requirement has been waived by the Ministry of Education for this graduating class.

Students will complete the assessment in two sessions (Session A and Session B). Each session is designed to be completed in 60 minutes, and students will complete each session in one sitting. Additional time can 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. Any students who require the use of audio features available during the OSSLT should bring headphones or earbuds compatible with the device they intend to use for the test. Remember, all students writing the test must come prepared with a fully charged and updated school issued iPad.

Results will be released after the open-response questions have been scored. An Individual Student Report will be generated for each student after the scoring of the assessment.

Students have the opportunity to become familiar with the online test and its platform through EQAO's online practice test during class time on April 20, 2022.

Considering the test falls during Ramadan, please see the main office for any accommodations including a deferral to an early May writing session.

For more information about EQAO and to view the full practice test, you are encouraged to visit EQAO's website www.eqao.com.

Sincerely,

Mr. Schroeder
Principal