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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. Students who have graduated or who will be graduating by the end of the summer are having this requirement waived for this year and will not need to write.

Between Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, our eligible students who are learning in-person will be taking part in the OSSLT. Students who are learning remotely but who wish to take part need to let the school know so that arrangements can be made for them to participate; staff from Student Services and Learning Resource have been reaching out to these students this week.

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 be able to complete the two sessions either on the same day as needed or over two days with students writing either during their Period 1 class or during Period 3.

Additional time will be provided for any students who require it. After completing the second session, students will be presented with a questionnaire that asks them about their experiences, attitudes and perceptions with respect to literacy.

A schedule is being finalized for classes to use our available desktop computers during the weeks noted above and will be shared early next week so that students know the days they are scheduled to be writing. Students who are absent on one of the days assigned to their class will have the opportunity to complete the test up until the end of school on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at which time access to the test is shut down by EQAO.

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 and should be available to give to students in late June prior to the end of the school year.

Students have the opportunity to become familiar with the online test and its platform 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 [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com).**

Sincerely,

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Vice-Principal