

March 23, 2018

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (**OSSLT**), developed by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), will be administered to Grade 10 students on **Tuesday, April 10, 2018**.

Success on this test is a diploma requirement. Students will be provided with individual feedback on their success and areas for improvement. Any needed remediation for students based on this feedback will be made available to students.

School board results will be published. School improvement plans, along with Board improvement plans will be revisited accordingly. When writing the test, students with an Individual Education Plan are entitled to accommodations within the scope of those permitted by EQAO. Students in English as a Second Language and English Literacy Development programs are entitled to special provisions for deferrals and exemptions. The local school will correspond with you on the details.

All Grade 9 and 10 students will attend school on April 10, 2018.

1. Grade 10 students, as well as those who were unsuccessful in the past, will participate in the OSSLT.
2. Grade 9 students will work on skill building activities related to the reading and writing expectations found on the OSSLT. Grade 9 students will experience a simulation opportunity which will be informally assessed to provide feedback on areas for improvement.
3. Grade 10 students who are exempted or deferred from the test will participate in reading and writing activities related to their needs.
4. Grade 11 and 12 students will be assigned work which will be evaluated as part of their credit courses. As such, they will not attend classes. If students wish, they may attend school and they will be accommodated in a supervised study hall.
5. If your son/daughter is eligible for test accommodations or special provisions, your local school will correspond with you regarding their testing needs.
6. Students in the Planning for Independence programs and Career Path programs will attend school as per their usual schedule.

Should you require any further clarification, please contact your local school, your Family of Schools Superintendent or this office. As well, the EQAO website provides information (www.eqao.com). Thank you for your support in helping us manage this important process.

Yours truly,

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