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Dear Parents/Guardians:

RE: Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test – Modified School Day - Thursday, March 30, 2017

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) has scheduled **Thursday, March 30, 2017** as the day for students across the province to complete the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). To assist in creating the best environment possible for the students writing the test, the Board has agreed to a modified school day structure for the day in which the OSSLT will be written. This practice is very similar to that followed by other GTA school boards.

Newmarket High School has a regular start time of 8:05 a.m. This year, students writing the test will come to school as per their normal start time and complete the test. Students **not** writing the OSSLT would be asked to commence their school day approximately **three and a half hours later**, i.e. **12:00 p.m.** to coincide with the conclusion of the OSSLT on Thursday, March 30, 2017. Students requiring accommodation will continue to write their test during an extended test-taking period. School will finish for all students at the normal time.

Please note students in Self-Contained Special Education Classes (Developmentally Delayed, Autistic, Orthopaedic, Section 23, Intensive Support, and Acquired Brain Injury) and Elementary Music will follow their normal schedule.

Student Transportation Services has been advised of these arrangements and will adjust bus schedules as follows:

- Students who are eligible for school bus transportation and are writing the OSSLT, will be picked up in the morning at their regular service time.
- Students who are eligible for transportation and are not writing the OSSLT test will be picked up 3 ½ hours later than their regular service time.
- All students will be transported home at regular service times.

We anticipate that student achievement will be enhanced by this modification since the entire school staff will be available to administer the test and supervise students; ample classroom space will be available, eliminating the need to write in specialty rooms; and sufficient technology will be available to support students receiving accommodation. In addition, a calmer student environment during the OSSLT designated writing time will result as only students writing the test will be in school.

We wish every student success on the OSSLT.

If you have any questions, please contact the school's administrative team.

Sincerely,

Mr. Erik Gordon
Principal

OSSLT Day Modified Schedule

Thursday, March 30, 2017

OSSLT (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test) Only Grade 10 students attend	8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Afternoon Schedule of Classes for All Students	
Period 4	12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Period 5	12:35 p.m. - 1:05 p.m.
Period 1	1:10 p.m. - 1:40 p.m.
Period 2	1:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Period 3	2:20 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.