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Dear Parents/Guardians:

**RE: Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test – Modified School Day Tuesday, April 10, 2018**

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) has scheduled **Tuesday, April 10, 2018** as the day for students across the province to complete the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). To assist in creating the best possible environment for students writing the test, and as a result of changes to EQAO policy, the Board will implement a modified school day. **On April 10, secondary schools will follow an exam-style day in which:**

- **only grade 10 and Previously Eligible students who are writing the test are required to be at school** (no regular classes for students in grades 9, 11, and 12 will occur);
- students will be dismissed upon completion of the test;
- school bus and taxi service will run on their normal schedules; and
- self-contained special education classes [e.g., developmentally delayed, autism, complex needs, multiple exceptionalities, PEAK, York Academy-Section 23 (Care and Treatment) programs, Intensive, Intensive Resource Support, and Acquired Brain Injury] and Elementary Music will follow their regular schedule.

**For Students Writing the OSSLT**

Students writing the test will come to school on April 10 at their normal start time, 8:25 a.m., to write the OSSLT. Based on EQAO timelines for the test, we anticipate that many students will finish writing in about 3 hours. Students will be dismissed upon their completion of the test; however space will be made available in the school for those who need to remain until regular dismissal time. Students requiring extra time will continue to write their test during an extended test-taking period. Modifying the school day in this way allows schools to maximize teacher supervision and support, availability of classroom space and, access to technology.

**For Students Not Writing the OSSLT**

Although schools will be open, regular classes will not be running. Students are encouraged to use the time on this day to review or complete coursework, prepare for upcoming assessments, engage in Individual Pathways Planning, or complete community involvement hours.

We wish every student success on the OSSLT, and appreciate your ongoing support for student achievement and well-being.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ziegler, Vice-Principal.

Sincerely,

Ken Shigeishi  
Principal