Helpful Resources and FAQs for Online OSSLT

Below are links to some key information as well as a Q&A that you may find helpful:

- EQAO Online (General link to all of EQAO's information on this initiative)

http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments/eqao-online

- EQAO Online Milestones (this is a link to download a .pdf document of key phases and dates)

http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments/eqao-online/Communication%20Documents/online-osslt-key-milestones-2016-2017.pdf

- Sample instructional videos of the online OSSLT

http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments/eqao-online/Pages/sample-online-osslt.aspx

- Practice test (This practice test can be completed by anyone and will also give a good sense of the online assessment format and also the support tools that are embedded.)

https://ontariotest.com/Practice/EQAOen

Q&A

1. **What platforms and devices can be used to complete the electronic version of the OSSLT?**

Windows Desktops and Chromebooks; Board-owned devices. An app needs to be installed ahead of time, and ITS will work with in-school technicians to complete this task.

2. **Does the October sitting "count" for students who write?**

Yes. Those who pass will have met the provincial literacy requirement for graduation . Those who do not pass are eligible to rewrite in March. Results for the October sitting are expected to be returned in January.

3. **Does the electronic version include supports for accommodated students?**

Text to speech, font enlargement, colour adjustment, and extra time are all embedded. There are still some issues that need to be addressed before the March sitting, i.e., considerations for selecting special needs students for the October sitting will be provided to site administrators.

4. **How are students' writings electronically authenticated?**

Each student who is writing the online OSSLT receives a ticket with a unique login and password. This ticket is provided to the student when they sit down to write the test.