



## SOUTHWOOD SECONDARY SCHOOL

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To Parents/Guardians of Grade 10 students:

### EQAO Grade 10 Literacy Test

This letter provides information to Grade 10 students and their parents/guardians about the 2016 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). Successful completion of the test is necessary in order to graduate with a high school diploma.

The test is scheduled to take place on the morning of **Thursday, March 31, 2016**. This date is selected by Education Quality and Accountability Office and all Grade 10 students across the province are mandated to write the Literacy Test on the same date and at the same time. The test will involve the students completing two booklets of questions pertaining to reading and writing, each requiring 75 minutes to complete. It is essential that students eligible to write the Literacy Test attend the OSSLT Test Day on the morning Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Students who are absent for the OSSLT will be required to write the test next year on the date selected by EQAO.

The Ontario curriculum offers continuous training and practice in literacy skills. In addition, SSS will be offering Literacy Preparation and Support Days to enhance students' awareness of the test and its requirements. On **Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**, all Grade 10 students will be writing a shortened version of last year's Literacy Test during Period A. The intent is to familiarize your son/daughter with the actual literacy test and to identify students who may require additional support in order to be successful. Based on your daughter/son's outcome on this Practice Test and the feedback provided to them, they will be invited to attend support sessions to be held in mid-March. Please ensure that your son/daughter attends classes on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> in order that they can take part in the Practice Literacy Test.

Further details about the test and resources for parents are attached to this letter; will available on-line through SSS website and/or at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com). For further information about the Literacy Preparation and Support Days, or the test itself, please contact Vida Collis (Vice-Principal) at the school at 519-621-5920.

Sincerely,

Ms. V Collis  
Vice-Principal



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