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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 2017 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 30, 2017**. This date is selected by Education Quality and Accountability Office and all eligible 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 of Thursday, March 30th. 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 **Wednesday, February 15th**, all Grade eligible 10 students will be writing a shortened version of a previous 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 have access to the e-learning platform that will provide additional supports. Please ensure that your son/daughter attends classes on Wednesday, February 15th in order that they can take part in the Practice Literacy Test.

Further details about the test and resources, will be available on-line through SSS website and/or at www.eqao.com. For further information about the Literacy Preparation, or the test itself, please contact Ms. Rideout (Vice-Principal) at the school at 519-621-5920.

Sincerely,

Ms. Rideout
Vice-Principal



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