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Dear Parents/Guardians:

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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)**. Students must successfully complete this test in order to earn a secondary school diploma. 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 to be at school (no classes for students in grades 9, 11, and 12);**
- **students will be dismissed upon completion of the test;**
- **school bus, minivan, and taxi service will run on their normal schedules; and**
- **FLS Special Education classes 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, **8:20 am** to write the OSSLT. Based on EQAO timelines for the test, we anticipate that many students will finish writing in about 4 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.

For Students Not Writing the OSSLT

Students who are not writing the test will **not** attend school on April 10. These students are encouraged to use this day to review or complete coursework, prepare for upcoming assessments, engage in Individual Pathways Planning, or complete community service hours. A supervised supervised study hall in the school will be available for those students who prefer to work collaboratively with their peers.

Modifying the school day in this way allows schools to maximize teacher supervision and support, availability of classroom space and access to technology.

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 the school's administrative team.

Sincerely,

Melton Moyo, Principal