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Re: OSSLT – What You Need to Know for 2025–2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We wanted to share some information about this year's Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). This test measures whether students have reached the minimum standard of literacy skills expected by the end of Grade 9. All students need to meet the literacy requirement in order to earn their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

Our eligible students will be writing the OSSLT during the following windows:

- **Fall window:** November __ to November __, 2025
- **Spring window:** March __ to April __, 2026

Here's what to expect:

- Students will complete the test in **two sessions** (Session A and Session B).
- Each session takes about **65–75 minutes** and must be completed in one sitting.
- **Extra time** will be available for students who need it.
- After Session B, students will complete a short questionnaire about their experiences and attitudes about literacy.

Once EQAO scores the test, each student will receive an **Individual Student Report**, which the school will share with them.

To help students feel comfortable with the format, EQAO offers an online practice test including the types of questions that will be on the test and built-in accessibility tools. You can explore these resources at www.eqao.com.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

[Principal's Name]

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