

## The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test is Approaching Quickly

On March 30<sup>th</sup>, Grade 10 and previously eligible students (gr 11/12) across the province will have the opportunity to write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). OSSLT results do not count toward students' grades, but successful completion of the OSSLT is a requirement for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

### School Schedule for March 30<sup>th</sup>

An altered day with corresponding transportation and timetable changes are to be in place for all students:

1. Students **writing** the OSSLT will be picked up by busses at their normal times. When students arrive to school, they will proceed to their test locations
2. Students **not writing** the OSSLT will be picked up at their regular location approximately 4 ¼ hours later than usual.

8:00 am	<b>(1<sup>st</sup> Bus run arrives)</b> All student report to their testing rooms
8:20 – 8:25	OSSLT Session 1 – Instructions
8:25 – 9:40	OSSLT Session 1
9:40 – 10:00	Nutrition Break
10:00 – 10:10	OSSLT Session 2 - Instructions
10:15 – 11:30	OSSLT Session 2
11:30 – 11:45	OSSLT Survey Completion
12:15 pm	<b>(2<sup>nd</sup> Bus Run arrives)</b>
12:20 – 1:00 pm	Period 3
1:00 – 1:40 pm	Period 4
1:40 – 2:00 pm	Period 1
2:00 – 2:20 pm	Period 2
2:20 – 2:36 pm	Period 5



**Special Education Secondary Life Skills, ASD and Learning Centre Classes** – programs will continue as usual.

**Off-site Co-op programs** – Students with a.m. co-operative education placements, who are not writing the OSSLT, are expected to attend their morning placements. Please take your regular morning transportation to school.

Please note: Students who are absent will not be able to write the OSSLT until March 2018. Students who are unsuccessful on the March OSSLT will be eligible to take the OSSLC to meet their literacy requirement or re-take the OSSLT in March 2018.

### STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS

Students will be writing the test in various locations throughout the school. Lists will be posted in the cafeteria and outside guidance so that students will know where they are writing the test. There will also be an information assembly for students writing the OSSLT on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

EQAO policy states that students must be supervised at all times during the administration of the test.

**Students are not permitted to bring cell phones, pagers or texting devices into the testing area.**

### REPORTING BACK THE RESULTS

In June, EQAO will send our school a report listing all the students who were successful or not successful on the OSSLT. The results are private and will give you an indication of how well your child is mastering the required literacy skills, which are the foundation for success in all subjects and in life beyond school.