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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This is to inform you that students in Rainbow Schools will not be participating in the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Grade 9 math assessment scheduled to take place from January 13 to 24, 2020.

As part of ongoing job action in response to bargaining at the provincial level, members of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) will not administer or mark the test.

In Rainbow Schools, the results of the EQAO Grade 9 math assessment form part of a student's final grade in mathematics. Given that this will not be possible this semester, teachers will consider all evidence of student achievement, including a final exam, to determine a student's final mark for the course.

At this time, the Minister of Education has stated that "For those high schools which are not administering the test in January, students will need to take the test during the June 2020 administration period, as it provides a valuable opportunity for individual feedback for students and families."

We will continue to share additional information with you in the future.

Please note that updates will be posted on [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca).

As always, we thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Norm Blaseg". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Norm Blaseg  
Director of Education