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**RE: UPDATE ON EDUCATION QUALITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE
EQAO ASSESSMENTS – LITERACY TEST AND GRADE 9 MATHEMATICS**

Dear parents/guardians:

Rainbow District School Board will not be participating in the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) or the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics this spring.

Please rest assured there will be multiple opportunities for students to write the OSSLT to enable them to meet this graduation requirement.

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) will provide a Fall 2021 Administration of the OSSLT in addition to a Spring 2022 administration.

Students graduating in the 2021-2022 school year will be exempt from the literacy graduation requirement - which is what occurred for this year's graduates.

The literacy requirement will be restored for students graduating in the 2022-2023 school year.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school.

Sincerely,

Norm Blaseg
Director of Education