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Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

This letter contains some important information regarding this year's Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test.

On April 27-29 (Grade 11s/non-graduating Grade 12s) and May 4-6 (Grade 10s), for one morning or afternoon, students will take part in a field test of the new online OSSLT. Students participating in programming outside of in-school classes (eg. BCIP, co-op, virtual school) and/or students in an unscheduled period will be contacted and will write early June.

To help prepare students to be as successful as possible on the OSSLT field test, students will have the opportunity in class to explore the Limestone District School Board Literacy Test Prep Resource through their Minds Online platform. This resource provides specific practice modules that target important literacy skills required on the test. The Literacy Test Prep Resource can be accessed from any device both at school and home for students to practice as frequently and often as they wish.

Additionally, students will have the opportunity to become familiar with the online test and its platform through EQAO's online practice test. The online practice test is made up of two sessions which include content from previous tests. The practice test is equivalent to the two sessions students will be completing during the live test. In addition, the practice test includes an introductory session that allows students to become familiar with the tools and functions of the new online platform.

The field test is a computer-based assessment that will be written in two 60-minute sessions (Session A and Session B) with a 15-minute break in between. The test contains a total of 33 questions: 31 multiple choice questions and two open-response questions (eg. opinion piece). Not only will this allow students to become familiar with the new format and platform, if successful, it will be counted toward the literacy requirement for graduation.

If you have any questions about this field test, feel free to contact the school and/or your student's classroom teacher.

Sincerely,

Angela Salmond, Principal



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