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Re: EQAO Assessment Update

The Lambton Kent District School Board thanks all staff and students for your patience and resiliency yesterday in participating in the first large-scale online Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) assessment. Unfortunately, EQAO cancelled the trial online assessment mid-day due to EQAO's technical difficulties. However, the LKDSB's IT preparation and implementation enabled our schools to function extremely well. We appreciate the efforts of those who made this possible and our students and staff who demonstrated resiliency throughout this process.

While the source of EQAO's technical issues is currently unknown, the LKDSB is advocating for completed student work to be assessed by EQAO and reported back to us.

EQAO has issued a statement parents and students regarding the OSSLT trial cancellation. You can read the statement here: [www.lkdsb.net/Welcome/newsreleases/2016/Letter from EQAO Online OSSLT Trial October 20 2016.pdf](http://www.lkdsb.net/Welcome/newsreleases/2016/Letter_from_EQAO_Online_OSSLT_Trial_October_20_2016.pdf). We will continue to dialogue with EQAO about this assessment and advocate for our students. We will provide updates as we learn more about how this OSSLT will be assessed and how the results will be communicated.

Sincerely,

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