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Re: EQAO statement on the online OSSLT assessment technical issues

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) has confirmed today that the cause of the technical issues that resulted in the cancellation of the October 20, 2016 province-wide trial of the online Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) was an intentional, malicious and sustained Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attack—a type of cyberattack. The Lambton Kent District School Board has received no confirmation from EQAO regarding the assessment and reporting back of the online OSSLT assessments. An announcement from EQAO regarding the scoring of completed online OSSLT assessments is expected shortly.

We continue to advocate for completed student work to be assessed by EQAO and reported back to us. We will provide updates as they become available.

EQAO has indicated that no personal or private student information was compromised during the administration of the assessment.

As well, EQAO stated it will deliver the March 2017 OSSLT and students will be able to complete the assessment either online or on paper.

Read the complete statement from EQAO:

[http://www.eqao.com/en/about\\_eqao/media\\_room/news\\_releases/Pages/technical-issue-during-online-osslt-trial.aspx](http://www.eqao.com/en/about_eqao/media_room/news_releases/Pages/technical-issue-during-online-osslt-trial.aspx)

We encourage parents and students to read EQAO's [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document for more information about the Oct. 20 online OSSLT assessment. EQAO expects to make an announcement shortly on whether it will score and report back on the completed assessments.

Sincerely,

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