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Re: March EQAO OSSLT assessment

The Lambton Kent District School Board has been informed that the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) will be delivering the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) in a paper format only in March 2017.

Although EQAO originally intended to deliver the March 2017 OSSLT online and provide a back-up paper version, it has since decided to 'pause' its move towards online assessments. EQAO recognizes the cyberattack in October created significant frustration and anxieties for students and families, and as such, has decided it would be prudent to conduct a large-scale trial of its system in order to confirm the validity of its online approach and the strength of its system.

The Lambton Kent District School Board supports EQAO's decision to offer a paper version of the OSSLT in March, which will help to ease many concerns of students and parents regarding the assessment and reporting back of the results. LKDSB will continue to work with EQAO as it continues to move towards the long-term vision of online assessments.

EQAO is expected to report back results for the online October 2016 OSSLT trial assessments in mid-January 2017 for students who completed a sufficient amount of information to be scored and analyzed. These results will be classified as "Successful" or "Made an Attempt."

Read the complete statement from EQAO: http://www.eqao.com/en/about_eqao/media_room/news_releases/Pages/eqao-announces-next-osslt-on-paper.aspx

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