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Re: Upcoming EQAO Assessments

Dear <*Parent or Guardian>*:

Name of Student:

Between May \_\_ and June \_\_,students in Grades 3 and 6 will write the provincial Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary and Junior Divisions, administered by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), an independent agency of the Government of Ontario.

These assessments are designed to allow students to demonstrate their skills and knowledge relating to reading, writing and mathematics as described in *The Ontario Curriculum*. They are administered province-wide to students in Grades 3 and 6, as appropriate, and have been developed by Ontario teachers and assessment experts to reflect curriculum expectations. The digitalized assessments have adaptive sections and allow for a more student-focused experience, which helps to reduce test anxiety and gives students opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in different ways. The online assessments allow all students to have access to a text-to-speech function, available directly on the e-assessment platform’s student toolbar, that reads the text on the screen aloud.

EQAO results are a snapshot that shows trends in student learning, which are useful to consider when talking about ways to support a student’s success. The results can be considered alongside other information, such as report card and classroom assessment marks, to help parents and guardians understand how a student is meeting *The Ontario Curriculum* expectations in reading, writing and math. EQAO results show where students are doing well and where they may need more support. EQAO results can also help teachers and school leaders focus goals in their school learning plans.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that EQAO permits students with special needs to receive speciﬁc accommodations to enable them to participate with their peers in all aspects of the Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. These accommodations match those that have been recorded in your child’s Individual Education Plans and provided during the school year.

In order to ensure that your child is able to demonstrate the full extent of his or her learning during the assessment, he or she will be provided with the following accommodation(s):

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If you have any questions or concerns about the accommodation(s) your child will receive, please contact me or your child’s teacher.

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*<Principal’s name and signature>*