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Subject: Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

Application: Directors of Education
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Introduction

This memorandum provides direction to school boards, school authorities and schools concerning students enrolled at TVO ILC (Independent Learning Centre) working towards an *Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)* under *Ontario Schools, Grades 9 to 12: Policy and Program Requirements, 2016 (OS)*, who must successfully complete the *Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test* to earn the OSSD. The information provided in this memorandum was approved by the Council of Ontario Directors of Education at the November 2002 meeting.

ILC students working towards an OSSD under OS 2016 who enroll in ILC courses directly with ILC and are not enrolled in a secondary day school, will have their diploma requirements assessed by ILC. The policy set out in this memorandum provides the direction for the completion of the compulsory Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test.

Access for TVO ILC Students to the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test in English and French Languages

TVO ILC students working towards an OSSD under OS 2016 may participate in the assessment for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test in English or French Language that is administered by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). The student will be instructed by ILC to contact the school board in their jurisdiction by September 30 (or another date specified by the school board) of the year in which the Literacy Test is being conducted for information about the dates, times and locations. ILC students who participate in the Literacy Test will not be charged a fee either by the board or by the EQAO. The board should provide space for the ILC student at a local school at the time and on the date when the Literacy Test is being administered to the board's regular day school students. The school will request sufficient test materials from the EQAO so that the ILC student can participate. The school will also inform the ILC student of the date, time and location of the test.

EQAO will send the results of the ILC students' Literacy Tests to the school where they participated in the test. Schools will send the results directly to the ILC student's home. The Literacy Test results of the ILC students will not be included in school and board reports generated by EQAO or by the schools and boards.

It is the responsibility of the ILC student to provide the results of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test to the Principal of TVO ILC. The successful completion of the Literacy Test will be documented on the student's Ontario Student Transcript (OST).