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Memorandum to: Principals of Inspected Private Schools
Principals of Inspected First Nation/Federally-operated
Schools

From: Clayton La Touche
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Subject: **Literacy Graduation Requirements for Online Private
School Students Residing Outside of Ontario**

All students are required to meet the secondary school literacy graduation requirement in order to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). Most students complete this requirement by successfully completing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT), an online assessment that must be administered in person. Following up on the email sent to you on June 25, 2024, indicating a return to the requirement for students to attempt the OSSLT prior to enrolling in the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC), we are providing you with further clarification for Ontario online private schools.

Students Residing in Ontario:

Students who reside in Ontario and take courses online through an inspected Ontario private school must take the OSSLT.

Schools may arrange for students to take the OSSLT in the following ways:

- 1) They may take the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) onsite at the inspected Ontario online private school if the school has the facilities for students to come onsite or if the student lives within proximity to the school; or
- 2) They may take the OSSLT onsite at another inspected Ontario private school or public school. Schools will need to make arrangements using the GUEST student instructions found in the below user guide.

[Creating and managing groupings – User Guide for the Administration of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test \(OSSLT\) \(vretta.com\)](#)
[Before the OSSLT – User Guide for the Administration of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test \(OSSLT\) \(vretta.com\)](#).

If principals have further questions related to the administration of the OSSLT they should contact info@EQAO.com .

Students Residing Outside of Ontario:

To meet the literacy graduation requirement, students who reside outside of Ontario may enrol directly into the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC) without attempting the OSSLT.

I trust that this provides the clarification that schools have been seeking this summer.

Sincerely,

Clayton La Touche
Assistant Deputy Minister