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Dear Grade 9 Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you of the **Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics for Semester Two** Grade 9 mathematics students. All grade 9 students taking mathematics will be participating in the province-wide EQAO Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics on the following dates:

Wednesday, June 13 and Thursday, June 14

This assessment, administered by Ontario's Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), measures each student's achievement against the expectations of *The Ontario Curriculum*. The results show how each student performed in relation to the provincial standard. EQAO results are an additional tool to help students, parents and schools evaluate student progress. They provide valuable information that supports strategies for improving the quality of public education in Ontario.

All students enrolled in Grade 9 applied or academic mathematics classes in publicly funded schools must participate. Relevant parts of the EQAO will be marked by your student's math teacher and will count as 15% of their final mark in the course. Attendance is absolutely essential. If you know that your student will be absent on one or more of these days, please contact their math teacher as soon as possible.

Students are required to bring a pencil, pen, an eraser, ruler and a scientific calculator to the test on both days. Please note that teachers are not permitted to photocopy any portion of this assessment. Therefore, students will not be able to have a copy of this evaluation for their records.

In the fall of 2018, EQAO will provide an Individual Student Report for each student who has participated in the Assessment. The Individual Student Report will indicate the student's level of achievement in mathematics.

Additional support materials for the Grade 9 Mathematics Assessment can be found at: www.eqao.com. Information about the test and some example questions and problems are posted on the website. Teachers will also provide sample material.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of us.

Yours truly,

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