

January 10, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians of Grade 9 Semester 1 Math Students,

As you are most likely already aware, the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA) begins labour action on Monday, January 13, 2020. As part of this job action, teachers shall not participate in any EQAO-related activity. This includes the administration of the Grade 9 Math Assessment that was scheduled to take place later this month.

As a result of this provincial labour issue, the administration of the Grade 9 EQAO Mathematics Assessment will not be administered this semester at O'Gorman High School.

The Grade 9 EQAO Mathematics Assessment forms part of the final grade for each student enrolled in Grade 9 Applied and Academic Mathematics. In order to adequately assess student progress for the semester, the school will develop an appropriate substitute for the portion of the final assessment typically reserved for the EQAO assessment. This substitution will be consistent with the Ministry's direction on assessment and evaluation in *Growing Success*.

Given the Minister of Education has indicated (at a recent press conference) that the assessment may be postponed – the Board will await further instructions regarding future administration(s).

Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have questions or require further information.