



Hillside School  
6265 Indian Lane, RR # 2  
Forest, Ontario, N0N 1J0  
Telephone: (519) 786-6903  
Fax: (519) 786-6904

Friday, April 9, 2010.

RE: EQAO Assessment at Hillside School.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Between May 31 and June 11, 2010, our school will participate for the first time in provincial assessments of reading, writing and math. These assessments are written by Grade 3 and Grade 6 students and follow the requirements of Ontario's Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO).

Please note that all individual results are confidential and will not affect your child's grades or report card. Parents and guardians of each student who complete this assessment will receive a complete summary of the results in the Fall of 2010.

The decision to participate in the EQAO Assessments was carefully reviewed by the Education Committee as well as by Chief and Council. Student results on EQAO assessments are an important source of information about each student's strengths and areas that need improvement. As a school community, we will use the results along with other information to guide our school improvement initiatives and instructional programs. The results are also used to direct support where it is needed.

It is important to consider that this is our initial participation in this assessment. We have been preparing through professional development activities for the staff and carefully identifying students who may require modifications or accommodations during the assessment. There will be a community meeting on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at Hillside School at 7:00 PM to explain the assessment process and to answer questions.

Please do not hesitate to ask me or our teaching staff any questions you may have about this assessment.

Miigwech

Cathy Hampshire,  
Principal,  
Hillside School