

## EQAO Marking

**Members are advised not to participate in any Primary Division (Grades 1-3), Junior Division (Grades 4-6), Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics or the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (Grade10) EQAO marking exercise.**

Members are reminded that the delegates at the 2001 Annual Meeting passed the following motion:

*“That ETFO encourage members not to participate in any EQAO marking exercises.”*

Delegates informed the Annual Meeting that the results of these assessments have been used to undermine the teaching profession and denigrate the success of students in Ontario. The participation of our members adds validity to a program that the Federation believes is not in the best interests of students.

The Federation views province-wide testing of every student in the primary and junior divisions and grades 9 and 10 as both a misuse of student time, and an ineffective use of funds that should be redirected to support students' learning.

The consistent trend within the media of ranking schools by assessment results has been unfair to students and is potentially destructive to the education system.

Participation in the marking of EQAO assessment materials could lend undue credibility to the value of the test results. Members are advised to refrain from any involvement in the marking of EQAO assessment materials.

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