

## EQAO Marking

**Members are advised to not participate  
in any EQAO marking exercise**

At the ETFO 2001 Annual Meeting held in August 2001, delegates passed the following resolution:

*That ETFO encourage members not to participate  
in any EQAO marking exercise.*

Delegates informed the annual meeting that the results of these assessments have been misused to undermine the teaching profession and students in Ontario. As such, if teachers continue to participate in the marking of these assessments they may be perceived as condoning and supporting the inappropriate use of assessment results.

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

In addition, the Ontario government has used the results to denigrate the teaching profession in Ontario and to justify the implementation of additional costly testing in all Grades 3 to 11. This is money that could be used to provide appropriate support and resources for students. For further information look for ETFO's position document *Adjusting the Optics: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting*.

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