

To: ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members
From: Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)
Date: March 7, 2025
Regarding: **Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS)**

Sent to Local Presidents March 4, 2025 on behalf of Lorna Larmour, Deputy General Secretary, ETFO Provincial:

Dear Presidents,

The Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) is an international assessment administered every five years that measures trends in students' reading-literacy achievement for grade 4 students and is organized by the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC). The last assessment was in 2021, and the next assessment will be in 2026.

A field test of PIRLS 2026 will be administered between March 10 and April 18, 2025, with grade 4 students at randomly selected schools in Ontario. The administration will be supported by EQAO.

If a teacher's classroom has been chosen to participate, it is the professional responsibility of that teacher to administer the PIRLS assessment. Like EQAO, the PIRLS teacher questionnaire is voluntary.

If you have any questions about PIRLS, please contact Tara Zwolinski at twolinski@etfo.org.

LORNA LARMOUR
Deputy General Secretary
Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario

For more information regarding this *Communiqué* please contact the Local office by phone at 519-474-3150, or by email at etfotvtl@etfothamesvalley.com