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## Say 'Yes to the Dress'

Laura Nunn of Acton shows off some of the lightly-used formal dresses that have come in for the "Yes to the Dress" program she's organized to provide free dresses and accessories for area girls to wear to their upcoming Grade 8 graduation or prom. Girls can pick out their dresses at two upcoming shopping nights at Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Acton. Anyone who has an in style, lightly-used formal dress (short or long) to donate is asked to bring it to the church Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Photo by Lisa Tallyn

## HDSB to spend \$2 million on new staff hires

By **TIM WHITNELL**  
Metroland Media Group

Halton District School Board will hire almost two dozen new staff members in preparation for the 2014-15 school year.

Trustees approved funding of nearly \$2 million for the hiring of 21 teachers and administrators at Wednesday's board meeting.

The new personnel is needed, say board staff, due to pupil enrolment growth and to supply support for the implementation of the board's Multi-Year Plan and its Board Improvement Plans for Student Achievement.

"Given the overall increase in HDSB student enrolments, enrolment growth in particular schools, community engagement and increases in the number of students with special education and English language needs, an allocation increase should be considered prior to board approval of the annual budget..." stated part of the rationale in a board report on the need for increased staff funding.

Senior board administrators convinced trustees to pass the funding request for the new hirings prior to the approval of the board's 2014-15 budget, which will happen later this spring.

Among the new staff to be hired for next year includes 2.5 principal positions and 2.5 vice-principal positions at a cost of \$600,925.

Eight new elementary Special Education Resource Teachers (SERTS) were approved at a cost of \$680,000. The board's staffing formula is one SERT for every 262 students.

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