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Project Rural Impact 2 concluded with hundreds of offences handed out by Halton Police.

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## ROAD RAGE

Parking along Hwy. 7 has one household threatening legal action.

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## PLEASE NOTE

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## LIGHTING UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS:

Halton Hills firefighter Brad Williams and members of the Royal Academy of Arts & Education sing Jingle Bells, accompanied by Neil Cotton on guitar, during Georgetown's Light Up The Hills Ignition Night ceremony at Dominion Gardens Park on Tuesday evening.

Look for more Light Up the Hills photos on the front of Gift Guide, inside and on our website, [www.theifp.ca](http://www.theifp.ca)

Photo by  
Jon Borstrom

## Central agreements reached for education workers

Tentative central agreements were reached with all remaining education, administrative/technical and professional support workers on Friday, Nov. 27.

- Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF), which represents OCTU (Office/Clerical/Technical Unit) and PSSP

(Professional Student Services Personnel)

- Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO), which represents Early Childhood Educators (ECE's)

- Education Workers Alliance of Ontario (EWAO), which represents Educational Assistants (EA's).

Details of these tentative agreements remain confidential until ratified.

In light of these announcements these various groups have agreed to suspend all central job actions. Students and parents may anticipate a return to regular school operations, including

controlling entry to elementary schools (e.g., operating 'Safe Welcome' buzzer systems) effective immediately.

ETFO DECE, ESP and PSP members have been without a contract since Aug. 31, 2014—almost 15 months.

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