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**HE SHOOTS: Former Toronto Maple Leaf** and 50-goal scorer **Rick Vaive eluded** the checks of defenders Robert Padt and Ritchie DeLeon to deposit a goal behind goalie Sean **McClements during** the annual benefit game between the **Pro Hockey Heroes** and the Halton Hills **Fire Department** at the Alcott Arena

> Photo by Jon Borgstrom

## HDSB classrooms welcome Syrian students

Since December 2015, the Halton District School Board has welcomed 12 Syrian students in Milton, Oakville and Burlington.

The Board has been advised an additional 13 students are expected to arrive in the coming weeks. While Halton Region is not among the seven communities designated to receive federally-sponsored Syrian refugees, the Board anticipates more refugees will be arriving in the coming months as Halton is a location of choice for many privately sponsored refugees.

Halton, and Ontario, are home to one of the most diverse populations in the world, where generations have come to build new lives. The Halton District School Board is committed to working with all levels of government to assist in the coordination and preparation for the arrival and settlement of Syrian refugees. According to the Halton Multicultural Council (HMC

Connections), approximately 100 refugees are welcomed to Halton on an annual basis. The current commitment to resettle Syrian refugees will increase the number of those settling in Halton in 2016.

To date, the Halton District School Board has supported the settlement and inclusion of refugees into our elementary and secondary schools and communities through our Welcome Centre, located inside Gary Allan High

School in Milton (the former E.C. Drury High School) at 215 Ontario St. South.

"We are pleased that in our own small way, we are contributing to the much needed aid of those who have lived through and continue to face great challenges in their homeland, says Stuart Miller, Director of Education for the Halton District School

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