

Board to think environmentally friendly even if future schools aren't certified 'green'

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The Halton District School Board will likely continue to build environmental features into its new schools, even if it doesn't have them certified as "green" schools.

The board is currently building Gardiner Public School in Georgetown to silver LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards as a pilot project.

However, Superintendent Gerry Cullen says it may not be necessary to spend between \$100,000 and \$150,000 seeking LEED certifica-

tion on future schools.

Instead, he said, the board can simply replicate the LEED features— including energy and water efficiency— to build additional environmentally-friendly schools.

Cullen added that staff is learning from the process underway at the Georgetown school.

"Our thought at this point is that we should finish the Gardiner process and see what the certification process looks like," he said.

The elementary school, to be named after long-time Georgetown school board trustee Ethel Gardiner, is scheduled to open for the end of the year.



ETHEL GARDINER



Lighting up electrical safety

Grade 6 students Jordan Boucher (left) and Caitlin Paiva, enjoyed an up-close look the electrical safety demonstration at St Brigid School, as Jim Robillard of Electricity Safety & Conservation gave a demonstration of the dangers of playing around electrical equipment. The presentation was sponsored by Halton Hills Hydro.

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