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Extracurricular work now OK

by Dominik Kurek
Oakville Beaver Staff

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) has lifted its advisory asking elementary school teachers to stop participating in extracurricular activities.

Locally, this is good news for elementary students who may soon be able to enjoy extracurriculars such as sports, clubs and field trips, which were cancelled earlier this school year.

"We're pleased on a number of fronts," said Halton District School Board (HDSB) director of education David Euale.

The ETFO announced its decision Tuesday in light of progress made during discussions with the provincial government.

"ETFO and the government have been involved in meaningful discussions since February," said ETFO president Sam Hammond, in a news release.

"Talks are continuing, and we are now confident that the government

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Musician Robb Nash, who survived an accident in which he was mistaken for dead, speaks to students about hope and purpose at Sheridan College.

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Nash hits home with suicidal youths

by Nathan Howes
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When musician Robb Nash was given a second chance in life, he turned his pain into strength by helping youths turn their own lives around.

Close to 300 students across Ontario were at Oakville's Sheridan College last week to see the artist perform and listen to his message of hope and purpose.

When he was 17, Nash was hit by a semi-truck and found with no pulse. Medical workers mistakenly declared him dead. Following his near-death experience, Nash was overwhelmed with anger, self-doubt and depression.

After recovering from his anguish and physical injuries, Nash found a way to connect to young people.

"Everyone knows what they do, but ask them why they do it, very few people have a good answer. For me, I never wanted to be a musician, but I wanted to tell my story. Music is a good way to tell my story," said Nash, see **We** on p.8

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