



## 200 question 10 at school . . .

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 Hinton: In his reply Mr. Hinton used as an example compulsory physical fitness and health programs for all. In Halton style the teacher cannot tell the student he is wrong. Parents rebel against this philosophy. The teacher feels threatened.  
 What is your opinion of teaching French from kindergarten up?  
 Hinton: If the people want French immersion it is up to the people to seek it. Ukrainian people teach their children from pre-kindergarten and they can communicate in their own language. He doesn't believe in putting millions of dollars into a program that is not going to benefit the students. Cultural

mix is a wonderful thing, he concluded.  
 Pierce: Personally thinks all children should start out with French. . . they are going to have to get it later on.  
 Watson: There are not that many teachers available to teach French, even if we wanted to put it in all our schools. The federal government offered an incentive and monetary support, but now they have backed down.  
 Do you favor larger central schools or small schools?  
 Watson: I believe in schools large enough to have all the facilities. I don't like to see schools smaller than 200 pupils or larger than 600 or 800. Secondary schools should be no larger than 1200 students.

Pierce: I know of high schools with over 2,000 and think they should be smaller. Georgetown high school is now over 2,000.  
 Hinton: I'm not saying for or against because I don't know the implications. Taxpayers are entitled to communications. I would certainly not be for larger schools.  
 Can the cost of education be cut?  
 Watson: Not I am being completely honest. The worst thing you can do is cut down. We have cut back in every area we can. We cut down in some areas and we will be sorry for it next year. We will do our best to keep it down.  
 Pierce: I have handled budgets of over \$20 million in Peel county. Yes, you can cut down, you can look at a budget. I would like to see that budget.  
 Hinton: There is no question in the minds of some people that something can be done. The board gave teachers a maximum raise which raises our taxes 3.5 mills on next year's tax bill. All the trustees in the north voted for it. . . teachers have had a 50 per cent increase in productivity. This is a good reason for salaries raises to be done at the provincial level. The board should consult others and get the teachers' opinions once in a while. I will tell them when I don't agree with them and support them when I do. No question costs can be kept down.

## Move teachers remedial class

Halton Board of Education may have to move high school teachers into elementary school classes to give pupils remedial assistance, Georgetown Trustee Ernie Bodnar predicts.  
 During discussion at Thursday's board meeting about Trustee Bill Lawson's call for a study to see why pupils need for remedial help is increasing, Bodnar said the board just can't hire more teachers to handle the problem.  
 He said he supported Lawson's study idea because it will help the board "get to the root" of the problem. Bodnar also said he wished it went further and asked the administration to come up with some solutions which won't add to board costs.  
 Referring to a three part administration report brought to the board over the past few weeks calling for more teachers to be hired for special education, Bodnar said there is a strong feeling among trustees that the board just can't afford to hire more teachers.  
 The administration plan was to be dealt with by the board, Thursday, but Superintendent of Special Services John Graham with-

draw it, promising to come back to the board before the end of the year with more details and information.  
 "We may have to reallocate some of our resources from the secondary level to the elementary level," Bodnar predicted.  
 He said everyone will have to face the fact sooner or later that the only solution is reallocation since the board can't keep spending money.

### OUR READERS WRITE:

## Blames board, trustees

The Editor:  
 Trustee Edna Robinson is reported in the press (Toronto Star, Nov. 26/76) to have blamed parents who are the products of the "regimented" school system of the late 40s and 50s for the destructive permissiveness adopted by youth who "reflect the lifestyles and attitudes of their parents."  
 The Halton Renaissance Committee was established by hundreds of parents who accept responsibility for having been conned by clever educational quacks into permitting the creative educational disciplines of the 40s and 50s to be replaced by the fatal fallacies which dominated the system through the 60s and since. We repented of our irresponsibility and have sacrificially sought to turn the tide of permissiveness and to restore sanity to the system. We have been gratified by the heartening responsiveness of Queen's Park to our concerns as evidenced in the "back to basics" trends being advocated by Mr. Wells. At the same time we were rewarded in Halton for our efforts by having Trustee Robinson demonstrate her "love, affection and compassion" by deviously railroading her infamous edict through the Board which labelled and labelled us parents as irresponsible liars.  
 Doubtless the bureaucrats who've sought to "liberate" our children from the "hang ups" of the outdated values of such responsible parents, appreciate Trustee Robinson's loving loyalty to them!  
 Unfortunately Trustee Robinson was acclaimed to the Board of Education this fall before presenting that outrageous plat-

form to the people. She probably hopes that in two years the people will have either forgotten or she'll have earned enough at \$6,600.00 per year as a representative of the bureaucrats on the Board of Education, to retire to the irrelevance her reactionary mentality has already consigned her.  
 Thanks to the influences of the likes of Trustee Robinson, we've been forced to take our children out of the secular public school system and pay double to have our children educated in the superior philosophy of the Judeo-Christian heritage in which we had the good fortune to be educated in the public schools in the late 40s and early 50s!

Inasmuch as Miss Robinson knows nothing of the anguish of coping as a loving parent with such frontal assaults on the family emanating from the school system, her bland insensitivity and ignorance of parental concerns is understandable and hence forgivable. It would, however, be valuable to the parents in the rest of the region to know where their candidates for the Board stand on this fundamental educational issue.

Meantime, hats off to outgoing Trustee Goodin for his courage and candor in behalf of parents and our children! May his likes be multiplied in the new Board!

Sincerely,  
 Ken Campbell,  
 Renaissance Ontario, Milton.

## Services Council wants

Halton Human Services Council, mental health sub-committee, told Halton Board of Education on Thursday that they would like to work more closely with the education system.  
 Dr. Tony Marriott and Mrs. Nancy Adsett noted there are many cases of students being put into vocational schools in the Halton system who are bright, but under-achievers in one subject area. They said neither teachers or board are at fault because these pupils go into vocational schools without anything being done about their problem areas.  
 Mrs. Adsett said special programs are needed for many students but the board just doesn't have the human resources to run such pro-

grams.  
 She said there are people with ability to work with pupils who are having special emotional or mental problems but there aren't enough of them.

Superintendent of Special Services John Graham admitted very few students directed to vocational schools ever get any individual assessment of their problems or help.

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