

\$19 million school forecast

The \$300,000 needed for the expansion of Howard Wrigglesworth Public School, Guelph Street, Georgetown will probably be available, Halton Board of Education learned Thursday at Burlington.

"We are relatively sure the funds will be available in 1979," Halton Board Superintendent of Business and Finance told trustees.

The school board plans to add a general purpose room while converting the existing general purpose room into a library and other rooms.

Approval of the Wrigglesworth expansion was part of a \$19,580,000 five year capital spending forecast which the Halton Board must submit to the provincial Ministry of Education every year.

Separate approval of each project is required later, Lindley said.

Wrigglesworth school is one of four elementary school projects and one high school project as well as the acquisition of sites planned for next year.

There is some doubt about the extent of the Wrigglesworth project.

"There is a complication," Lindley told trustees. The Georgetown Little Theatre Group approached us about a stage for the school, said the superintendent. The theatre group is approaching Halton Hills council for funding, but Lindley indicated he did not know the outcome of the meeting. He also said it is not the practice of the Halton Board to build stages for elementary schools.

Wards one and two trustee Betty Fisher said she understood the GLT has until spring to make up its mind. Lindley indicated that date fits into the construction schedule which is to be carried out next summer.

Barry Shepherd, ward three and four trustee, said he would not want the Wrigglesworth expansion held up because of hesitation on the

part.

First on the list of 1979 projects is a new 400 pupil elementary school in Oakville. The \$1-million building is slated to open in 1980.

A new elementary school is next on the books for the Timberlea area of Milton. This building is also to open in

1980 as well as the Brant Hills school in Burlington. Timberlea is to accommodate 600 pupils and it will cost \$1.8 million. The Milton subdivision envisions 1,500 homes, to be built in three stages.

Unlike Burlington, Milton has no room for bused pupils, said superintendent Lindley. There are six portables at three of the Milton public schools.

The Brant Hills school, Burlington, is to have 600

pupils and cost \$1.5 million. About \$500,000 is set aside for sites in Burlington and Oakville.

By far the most costly item for next year is the \$3.4 million conversion of part of the E.C. Drury School for the Deaf into a high school.

Burlington trustee Elaine Riehm prophesied that with the building of new schools

and declining enrolment the Halton board will be in a position of spreading out the student population and also of closing some schools.

The order in which the schools are tackled was set with the list approved by the board in November 1977, said Lindley.

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