

VIEWPOINT

# Disrespect moves education from classrooms to hallways

By GERRY LANDSBOROUGH  
School days, school days, good old golden rule days...and like everything else of quality we seem to have said goodbye forever to respect and discipline in our schools. If we buy the most recent bag of hog-wash from the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation. This recent report with recommendations comes from North York District 13 of the O.S.S.T.F.

and vandalism, verbal abuse etc. All of which could be lumped together under one word, "disrespect". Now in my whole life I have never been able to respect anyone who did not stand a measure above the maddening crowd. The basis of respect is built-in to looking up to an individual for certain abilities in his or her character.

Have you ever heard of respecting anyone who decided to step backwards - smoke a little pot (in their own time of course), dress like the students they were supposed to inspire - use some good old gutter language - to address your class - while remembering that golden rule of teaching of the 70's, always talk down to your students, something like this "alright you bunch of jerks who the hell throw that blank paper - okay moron, get up here. Was it you?"

rest should be turned out on their ear. Respect is not given to a clown who openly tells his class that he can't stand them or being with them.

A prime example of a poor misguided soul looking for respect. Respect is given quite readily to the men and women who earn it - earn is the key word. There are teachers who still command respect in the classroom, a small band of real teachers who keep the whole profession going. The

well-established ground rules of the growing years. The latter is really the most important. All the men and women who were looking to find themselves in the 60's have produced offspring who apparently got lost while mom and dad were off searching.

Violence is one symptom of what Ann Landers terms the most popular drink of the 70's, "Marriage on the Rocks". Kids today exhibit behaviour that is aggressive as a result of the many things that they can't personally fight - the break-up of families, lack of attention, troubled economy, lack of security and the complete lack of

requests, try this one on for size. A cooling-off area. Now a cooling-off area is known by another name - jail cell. This relieves the anxiety of teachers who shouldn't be up in front of a class in the first place. They are under the delusion that if they remove the hecklers they will be able to teach better. Highly unlikely.

Another recommendation - the hiring of full-time security guards to patrol the school. Shades of Glatko. "We have ways to make you learn". Actually the O.S.S.T.F. has taken the most wonderful experience in living - the art of learning - and reduced it to a punishment worse than death for a good segment of our youth.

Last but not least comes the most ludicrous proposal of all - "a special learning school for violent students". Picture it folks, shades of blackboard

streak of originality is being squelched under the guise of disrespect. Teachers - if you want respect from your students - you have to earn it. Weed out those who cannot teach. Knowledge and the ability to pass it on are very different qualities. Any group of senior high school students are well aware of who is teaching and who is just passing time.

Patrol guards - cooling off cells - special schools - does this sound like an educational system to you?

Teachers are so busy defining the rules of attending school, they have lost touch with the purpose of being there. It's supposed to be a so-called "adult" teaching (that's the ability to pass on knowledge in a sharing way) to eager young minds.

The young are always eager to learn. As one kid put it "You learn more in the halls than you do in the classroom." Why?

Busy weekend

## Thefts, vandalism reported

The holiday weekend was a busy one for Halton Regional Police with a number of burglaries, thefts and acts of vandalism.

Four hubcaps were stolen from a 1975 Datsun belonging to a Rosetta, Street resident some time in the last few months. The car was also damaged by vandals, who used a sharp instrument to scarp the side of the car several times. The value of the missing hubcaps is estimated at over \$200, while the damage to the car is estimated at \$200.

A Brampton resident reported vandals had damaged his vehicle when he left it parked on 17 Sideroad west of the 10th Line after it broke down. The vandals kicked in the wheel wells, bent the windshield and removed a fog light. Damage was estimated at \$150.

Burglars broke into a home on Sargent Road some time between 6:45 and 11 p.m. May 19, and stole \$90 in cash from one of the bedrooms. Police are investigating the incident.

A purse containing \$50 in cash and personal papers was stolen from a car parked in the Mountainview Plaza.

Vandals threw a brick through the living room of a house on Draper Street while the owners were away.

A one-chain barrier was removed from the post at the fairgrounds park near Fairy Lake in Acton.

A Georgetown man has been charged with mischief after a number of windows in a home on Guelph Street were smashed with a fire extinguisher and a brick.

An Acton woman reported the theft of \$70 in cash and personal papers from her purse, which was left at the Georgetown Car Wash. The purse was recovered, but was missing the cash, a driver's licence and other personal papers.

A brown Audi was stolen from Baz Motors sometime between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m., May 17-18. The licence on the vehicle is JWC 907.

Two Halton Hills residents have been charged in connection with four burglaries following a series of overnight break-ins between May 17 and 18. The Halton Hills Furniture Shop, the Meteor Foundry, Twin Cee

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## Come to Church

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<p><b>GEORGETOWN ALLIANCE CHURCH</b> 14 Main St. S. PASTOR PETER RALPH Sunday, May 27 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 6:30 p.m. Evening Service Everyone Welcome Come make our church your church</p>	<p><b>MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 177 Maple Ave. Georgetown Pastor: Edwin H. Mitchell R7T 0T0 Sunday, May 27 24th ANNIVERSARY 9:45 a.m. Bible School 11 a.m. REV. STUART SYLVESTER Bramaleas Baptist Church 4:15 p.m. CONCERT Buffalo Christian Center Musical Team 5:30 p.m. Reception 6:30 p.m. REV. ALAN FORBES Director Buffalo Christian Center Musical Team COME AND PRAISE GOD WITH US</p>
<p><b>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> Windsor Road at Carole St. Vacancy Pastor Rev. Arthur Rader Sunday, May 27 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Worship Service Church of the Lutheran Hour</p>	

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### THE HALTON BOARD OF EDUCATION 1978 Financial Statements & Auditors' Report

Consolidated Balance Sheet as at December 31, 1978

	1978	1977
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 10,954	\$ 161,029
Investments at cost	4,000,000	1,000,000
Accounts receivable	3,693,672	4,121,069
Prepaid expense	5,296	4,278
Other current assets	126,266	156,468
Total Current Assets	\$ 7,955,188	\$ 5,442,844
Capital outlay to be recovered in future years	41,708,626	42,135,951
Total Assets	\$49,545,804	\$47,578,795
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Bank and other short-term borrowing	\$ 764,054	\$ 92,891
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		
Municipalities	506,944	1,297,726
Over-requisition (elementary)	363,101	962,021
Over-requisition (secondary)	4,403,661	3,079,340
Other	141,296	176,984
Other current liabilities	\$ 6,179,056	\$ 5,579,062
Total Current Liabilities	7,748,012	9,107,924
Net long-term liabilities (Note No. 4)	41,708,626	41,246,788
Reserve for working funds (Note No. 2)	600,000	600,000
Equity in reserve funds	748,302	152,945
Unexpended capital funds	309,224	309,224
Total Liabilities	\$49,545,804	\$47,578,795

REVENUE FUND STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1978

Expenditure	Elementary		Secondary	
	1978	1977	1978	1977
Business Administration	\$ 527,617	\$ 532,234	\$ 546,543	\$ 549,604
Instruction	30,500,376	28,267,054	34,057,685	31,929,597
Educational Services	770,327	634,808	507,633	437,229
Attendance, Health and Food Services	3,200	30,836	55,596	85,895
Plant Operation and Maintenance	4,759,429	4,415,975	4,399,616	4,061,068
Transportation	1,114,624	1,014,038	881,650	260,642
Tuition Fees	30,129	40,064	150,100	115,033
Capital Expenditure (non-allocable)	462,025	684,287	75,248	707,718
Other Operating Expenditure	87,589	98,246	120,369	140,498
Debt Charges and Capital Loan Interest (Note No. 6)	3,038,504	3,046,236	3,072,509	2,927,030
Non-Operating Expenditure - excluding transfers to reserves	581,111	334,731	421,496	218,088
Total Expenditure	\$41,871,931	\$39,099,539	\$44,208,435	\$41,924,402
Recovery of Expenditure				
Other School Boards - Tuition Fees and Miscellaneous	\$ 114,806	\$ 71,591	\$ 102,345	\$ 100,268
Government of Ontario, Tuition Fees and Miscellaneous	125,915	47,327	281,749	202,902
Government of Canada	64,515	68,794	28,034	21,754
Individuals - Tuition Fees	10,470	11,998	241,352	264,625
Other Revenue, excluding transfers from reserves	1,247,694	921,033	206,108	888,348
Total Recovery of Expenditure	\$ 1,563,400	\$ 1,120,743	\$ 860,388	\$ 1,477,897
Net Expenditure	\$40,308,451	\$37,978,796	\$43,348,047	\$40,446,505
Financing of Net Expenditure				
Government of Ontario	\$20,355,909	\$20,803,433	\$24,217,006	\$23,515,095
General Legislative Grants				
Local Taxation	1,274,250	1,002,569	977,373	836,024
Previous year's over-requisition (Note No. 5)	19,718,428	17,822,774	18,645,869	17,399,371
Local taxation raised in the current year	(534,195)	(382,254)		(341,964)
Decrease/(increase) in reserve for working funds	\$8,815,392	\$9,246,522	\$43,801,148	\$41,408,526
Total	\$49,123,043	\$47,225,020	\$87,149,195	\$81,855,031
To be applied to following year's taxation:				
Net over-requisition	(506,944)	(1,267,726)	(363,101)	(962,021)
Total	\$48,616,099	\$45,957,294	\$86,786,094	\$80,893,010

CAPITAL FUND STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1978

	1978	1977
Capital Expenditure		
Fixed Assets and Work in Progress	\$ 2,879,488	\$ 2,950,154
Buildings, Furniture and Equipment	(11,225)	649,505
School Sites and Improvements		
to Sites		
Pupil Transportation Vehicles	(1,291)	14,363
Other		
Total	\$ 2,866,972	\$ 3,614,022
Less Federal Sales Tax Refund	(32,592)	(44,265)
Total Capital Expenditure	\$ 2,834,380	\$ 3,569,757
Capital Financing		
Unexpended Funds at Beginning of Year, or (Balance at Beginning of Year not permanently financed)		
- Elementary	\$ (422,042)	\$ 131,079
- Secondary	(467,685)	(2,309,335)
Long-Term Liabilities issued and sold	3,321,000	3,346,250
Capital Expenditure from the Revenue Fund	714,912	1,522,775
Transfer to the Revenue Fund Balance at end of Year not Permanently Financed		(10,739)
Total	(297,815)	422,042
- Elementary	(11,654)	467,685
- Secondary	\$ 2,836,962	\$ 3,569,757

### NOTES TO 1978 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NOTE NO. 1 - ACCOUNTING POLICIES**  
Accrual Accounting  
The accrual method for reporting revenue and expenditure has been used with the exception of reporting of charges for net long-term liabilities. Principal and interest are not accrued from the due date of payment to the end of the fiscal year.

**Fixed Assets**  
Fixed Assets are charged to current expenditure unless financed by long-term debt. Principal and interest charges on net long-term liabilities are included in expenditure in the period due.

Fixed Assets, described as capital outlay to be recovered in future years, are included on the Balance Sheet only to the extent of the balances of the related net long-term liabilities outstanding and of the related temporary financing at the end of the fiscal year.

**Liabilities Payable in U.S.A. Currency**  
Net long-term liabilities payable in U.S.A. dollars are stated at par value with Canadian dollars. The amount outstanding at December 31, 1978 is \$1,191,900.00 U.S. If the total of this liability is expressed in Canadian dollars at the exchange rate prevailing at December 31, 1978, the liability is increased by \$219,429.

**Net Long-Term Liabilities**  
Debentures are recorded as unmatured debenture debt in the year of sale.

**NOTE NO. 2 - RESERVE FOR WORKING FUNDS**  
The reserve for working funds at December 31, 1978, is applicable to the elementary and secondary school operations of the Board as follows:

	Elementary	Secondary
Elementary	\$300,000.00	
Secondary	\$300,000.00	\$600,000.00

**NOTE NO. 3 - LIABILITY FOR SICK LEAVE BENEFITS**  
a) Under the sick leave benefit plan unused sick leave can accumulate and employees may become entitled to a cash payment on retirement after 10 years of consecutive service with the Board immediately prior to retirement.  
b) Retirement gratuities paid in 1977 - \$174,192  
Retirement gratuities paid in 1978 - \$285,158

c) These accumulated days, to the extent that they could be used to determine the cash payment to an employee on retirement, amount to \$25,500. No provision has been made on account of the sick leave benefit plan.

**NOTE NO. 4 - NET LONG-TERM LIABILITY REPAYMENTS**  
Of the net long-term liabilities outstanding of \$41,708,626 principal amounting to \$14,242,889 plus interest amounting to \$1,729,933 is payable over the next five years as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
1979	\$ 2,836,823	\$ 3,141,241	\$ 5,978,064
1980	2,886,032	2,946,148	5,832,180
1981	2,853,814	2,746,474	5,600,288
1982	2,804,281	2,547,046	5,351,327
1983	2,861,939	2,349,044	5,210,983
Total	\$14,242,889	\$13,729,053	\$27,971,942

**NOTE NO. 5 - STATEMENT OF REVISED 1977 OVERLEVY**  
Adjustments with respect to 1977 and prior years not reflected in the audited 1977 over- or under-requisition.

	Elementary	Secondary
1977 Overlevy per 1977 Statement	\$1,267,726	\$ 962,021
Add: - 1977 Adjustments	6,524	15,352
Net Revised 1977 Overlevy:	\$1,274,250	\$ 977,373

**NOTE NO. 6 - DEBT CHARGES AND CAPITAL LOAN INTEREST**  
The Revenue Fund expenditure for debt charges and capital loan interest includes principal and interest payments as follows:

	Elementary	Secondary
Principal payments on long-term Liabilities	\$1,535,746	\$1,323,416
Interest payments on long-term Liabilities	1,489,090	1,740,338
Interest payments on temporary financing of capital projects	13,668	8,755
Total	\$3,038,504	\$3,072,509

**NOTE NO. 7 - ANTI-INFLATION ACT (CANADA)**  
Under an agreement between the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada, authorized by the Anti-Inflation Agreements Act (1975), remuneration paid by an Ontario school board to its employees is subject to the provisions of the Anti-Inflation Act (Canada). The school board believes it has complied with the provisions of this Act.

**NOTE NO. 8 - CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS**  
a) The contractual obligations (contracts for construction of buildings) which are significant and which are not reflected on the Board's balance sheet amount to \$532,149.  
b) Significant contractual obligations reported in the financial statements include the accrual for salaries negotiated for 1978 amounting to \$1,327,592.

Approved: Bill Herd, Chairman of the Board  
E. S. Lavender, Director of Education

### AUDITORS' REPORT

To The Supporters of The Halton Board of Education

We have examined the Consolidated Balance Sheet of the Halton Board of Education as at December 31, 1978, the Revenue Fund Statement of Operations, and the Capital Fund Statement of Operations for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Board as at December 31, 1978 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for Ontario school boards applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Burlington, Ontario  
March 16, 1979

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