

# In The Schools

## Halton focuses in on specific needs

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The Halton Board of Education could beef up their first aid program if funding is approved to train some 200 teachers, assistants and secretaries in CPR, according to a board report released Thursday.

The report says some 200 staff could be trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation by St. John's Ambulance at a cost of \$55 per person. An additional \$39,000 would go toward increasing the hours of CPR-trained teacher's assistants, making the total budget for the first aid program \$50,000.

The report prepared by Superintendent of Special Education Services, Garry Crossman says responsibility for first aid services was taken away from school nurses in 1978 when funding no longer came from the board but from the Halton Department of Health.

"Less emphasis was placed on the first aid requirements of the schools," says the board report. And a legislation passed in 1984 called Ontario Regulation 516, de-emphasized the health nurse as a first aid giver.

The focus was turned to health maintenance, says the report.

But the recently-completed board study points to increasing needs for first aid in the schools. At

the elementary level, an average of one-half hour per day is spent by teaching and secretarial staff to administer first aid.

This increases at the secondary school level, where one-and-one-half hours per day were used by secretarial and teaching staff. The TMH (Trainable Mentally Handicapped) children require a full-time first aid administrator says the board report.

The board proposal supported by First Aid Committee members Eleanor Adams, Grant Clathworthy, Garry Crossman, Gail McKay, Brian Moore and Larry Stevens, recommends that the 200 staff members are trained by St. John's Ambulance to administer CPR.

Staff would include at least two people in each school, including at least one secretary, one teacher assistant, one volunteer, two TMH teacher assistants, a teacher's assistant at the elementary level and a teacher's assistant at the secondary level.

The report suggests the school principal should be responsible for the first aid program in his school, and should develop administrative procedures. After a year, service will be evaluated and a policy put in place.

The board program, if passed by trustees at a February meeting, could be in place in the fall of 1989.

## Board beefs up first aid training

The Halton Board of Education voted Thursday to approve a \$50,000 proposal to protect students with special sensitivities to the school environment.

These students, called "environmentally hypersensitive", or EH students, are a "very small population with very specific needs," say board trustees.

In a report published by board superintendent Garry Crossman, "immediate action" is recommended for EH children who have "sensitivities to a wide range of foods, chemicals and environmental substances (going) beyond the normal."

Such action would cost the board \$15,000 to research and implement at the elementary level, and it would cost the board \$40,000 to renovate a classroom to suit the needs of the EH children.

The EH classroom would be located in South Halton where the need is greatest, said Mr. Crossman. Of 21 reported cases of environmental hypersensitivity, 17 of those students are located in Burlington schools.

Of the 59 schools who responded to board survey, only one student in Halton Hills is a medically-detected EH student.

The student, a trainable mentally handicapped student, is from Joseph Gibbons School in Georgetown.

The principal of Joseph Gibbons, Doug Magwood, says the EH issue has gained interest in the school over the last few years.

"It's nothing new," said Mr. Magwood, who said he would like the system to review "the whole spectrum" of environmental concerns.

But Mr. Crossman said the board has already taken action to reduce environmental hypersensitivity. It has made use of non-irritant cleaning materials, has altered dusting processes, removed items containing urea formaldehyde, and has improved air filtering.

Painting and repair work are planned for low-impact time periods, and irritating chemicals have been removed from elementary programs, said Mr. Crossman.

The Report approved by the board trustees was submitted by Mr. Crossman and is the work of the EH Steering Committee. The committee is comprised of health experts who have been studying the issue since 1986.

The committee used the Waterloo Board of Education as a model in forming their own proposal for an EH classroom.

Presently, the Waterloo Board has two EH classrooms.

The Halton Board's EH program, now that it's approved, could be in effect as early as the fall of 1989, said Mr. Crossman. And construction to a present classroom, or renovations to a portable to be used as a clean environment classroom, could begin in June.

### GEORGETOWN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL



## COURSE SELECTION INFORMATION NIGHT FOR PARENTS

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6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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FOR SEPTEMBER 1989

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TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 14, 15 and 15, 1989

9:00 a.m. to Noon  
1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### AGE OF ADMISSION AND REQUIREMENTS

##### Junior Kindergarten

Children are required to be 4 years of age on or before December 31, 1989.

##### Senior Kindergarten

Children are required to be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 1989.

- Birth or Baptismal Certificate required for age verification.
- Before registration is finalized, a child will have completed the prescribed program for immunization for diphtheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps and rubella.
- Families registering for the first time at a school are requested to provide their family O.H.I.P. number at the time of registration.
- For further information or alternate registration date, please contact the principal of your nearest Catholic School.

Donald W. Schrenk  
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C.G. Byrnes  
Director of Education

### LE CONSEIL DES ECOLES CATHOLIQUES DE HALTON AVIS D'INSCRIPTION SCOLAIRE

### PROGRAMMES DE MATERNELLE ET DE JARDIN D'ENFANTS

(pour la rentrée des classes en septembre 1989)

L'inscription par anticipation d'enfants francophones d'âge scolaire admissibles à la maternelle ou au jardin d'enfants en septembre 1989, aura lieu à l'École Sacré-Coeur (Georgetown), l'École Sainte-Marie (Oakville) et l'École Saint-Philippe (Burlington) aux dates suivantes:

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les 14, 15 et 16 février, 1989

entre  
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13h30 et 17h

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- Certificat de baptême et/ou de naissance.
- On demande à tout parent qui inscrit son/ses enfant(s) pour la première fois, de bien vouloir fournir lors de l'inscription, le numéro d'assurance santé de l'Ontario (OHIP).
- Tout enfant doit avoir complété le programme prescrit par la Loi sur l'immunisation contre la diphtérie, le tétanos, la poliomyélite, la rougeole, les oreillons et la rubéole avant que son inscription soit finalisée.
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