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RC Board to buy Acton East school site?

Halton District Catholic School Board trustees may buy five-acre parcel of land in Acton East for an elementary school site following debate at their March 22 meeting. The land, on Tanners Drive at Rennie Street, is owned by 1001 Developments Ltd., (Acton East developers Dawkins and Heller) and was identified as a potential school site nine years ago. The Board has a 10-year option to purchase, which expires in September next year.

Services, Scott Bland, said the Board is looking at acquiring the land before the option expires, even though it has "no immediate need" for a new Catholic elementary school in Acton at this time.

Currently, St. Joseph Catholic School has a relatively stable population of approximately 476 students, with five portables. "Right now, we don't have any plans for

The Board's Administrator of Planning anything to change in Acton," Bland said on Monday, adding if trustees vote to buy the site, they would determine the value and try to negotiate a purchase agreement.

> "It is intended that we would probably need it (the site) in the future at some point, but as of right now, we don't see any need for a new school out there, for the shortterm anyway," Bland said.



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OINK IS THE WORD: Jake Wilson (left), Courtney Wilson, Corbin Conroy, Abby Harris and Abby Ward created headbands to celebrate Pigs by Robert Munsch at the library during March Break on Tuesday. - Kelly Kennedy Photo





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