

## New road rules

As the children at various Halton Hills schools head back to class to further their education, many parents will find they have a thing or two to learn as well.

The Town, working with the two school boards and Halton Regional Police, will implement plans starting today (Tuesday) to improve safety around five local schools.

No stopping and no parking zones and speed limit reductions will be imposed in areas around McKenzie-Smith Bennett, Harrison, Stewarttown, Gardiner and St. Catherine of Alexandria Schools.

For full details see today's story on page 2.

Town Traffic Co-ordinator Matt Roj said he is working with schools to communicate the new rules to parents.

As well, Halton Police will be on hand after a two-week learning period, to enforce the new rules. Roj said similar rules are being imposed in front of schools around the province.

The new rules are being instituted as a solution to a problem that occurred around schools last school year when there was a number of hits and near misses.

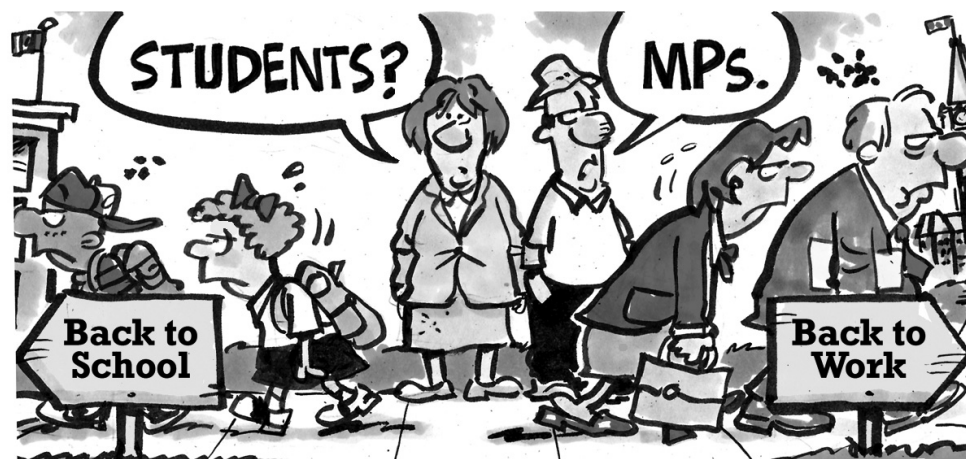
For example, last spring there were three incidents where Acton youths, on foot or on bike, had been involved in collisions.

The problem at many schools is that parents park their vehicles on the side of the road opposite the school. Kids, being kids, then dart across the road, sometimes into the path of cars.

Similar traffic rules for other wards will be coming in the next phase of traffic bylaw amendments.

Undoubtedly, there will be some grumbling about inconvenience and congestion, but clearly steps were needed to improve the safety situation near some local schools.

Parents will simply have to adapt to the new traffic restrictions. Call it a learning experience.



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## Letters to the editor

### Teacher betrayed by MPP's column

Dear editor,  
 Re: Ted Arnott's Aug. 28 column Teachers' unions, government must work together.

Mr. Arnott; I feel betrayed reading your article. You obviously have not done your due diligence and have positioned your comments to inflame the situation without giving the complete story, which makes you on par with Dalton McGuinty and the Liberals.

1. Our last two pay increases have been at about inflation, one slightly above and the last slightly below.

2. You have totally glossed over the expectation that we work three days without pay (a 1.5 % pay cut). Have you or any of the MPPs taken a pay cut? Is anyone but the teachers being forced to take a pay cut let alone a salary freeze?

3. Many teachers agree with some of the measures being put forth.

4. Why are the teachers the only ones being attacked to cut the deficit? We had no part in eHealth, Ornge, fees for cancelled contracts

signed in haste, or any of the rest of the mismanaged operation that has run Ontario for far too long.

5. Show the strength to amalgamate the Catholic and public systems and reduce the cost of education (mostly through administration) significantly. The boards are close to generic already.

Teachers realize the need to be part of the solution, possibly with a short-term pay freeze, reduction of sick time benefits and re-organizing the pay grid. Working three days without pay? Even Bob Rae didn't expect that.

Vic Phyllis, Acton

### Return of wallet sparks donation

Dear editor,  
 My wife and I moved to Georgetown nearly 20 years ago, and we have always loved the community spirit, friendliness and honesty here.

This proved especially so on August 4, when my wife did not notice she had dropped her wallet in the parking lot after visiting the Farmers' Market.

Shortly after we got home, a lady came to the door and asked if

Anthea Hoare lived here. When I said yes, she said she had found my wife's wallet, then simply handed me the wallet and left.

Everything was there. Quite aside from the money, there were many items that would be difficult to replace, so its loss could have been devastating. Thanks to this lady, all is well and we are extremely grateful. Again it is people like this that make one realize that Georgetown is the best place to live.

Thank you, madam, for your kindness. A donation has been sent to CASHh in the name of 'a caring citizen' as a token of our gratitude to you.

Colin Hoare, Georgetown

### WEB POLL RESULTS

(Go to [www.theifp.ca](http://www.theifp.ca))

Who do you side with in the dispute between the teachers' unions and the provincial government?

- The teachers (56%)
- The Liberal government (30%)
- Neither (14%)

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