

# HLF's No Student Left Behind campaign underway



Halton Learning Foundations holiday campaign kicked off with a \$10,000 donation from Siemens Canada. From left to right, Ann-Marie Koumetlou, senior communications consultant, Siemens Canada; Lesley Mansfield, HLF executive director; Ann Adair, vice-president, communications and strategy, Siemens; David Grant, HLF board chair. Submitted Photo

A \$10,000 donation from Siemens Canada has kicked off the Halton Learning Foundation's No Student Left Behind holiday campaign.

The appeal raises funds to ensure the estimated 10 per cent of students of the Halton District School Board who live at or below the poverty line, can access emergency funding or student subsidies to help them stay in school.

An online gift catalogue allows people to purchase gifts that students need such as warm winter coats and boots, athletic equipment, healthy snacks and lunches or field trip fees.

If you're searching for a holiday gift for your child's favourite teacher, or that hard-to-buy-for relative, consider giving a No Student Left Behind gift, said Lesley

Mansfield, executive director of HLF.

We are extremely grateful to Siemens for partnering with us for the second year in a row to help ensure that no student in our community misses out on their education because they don't have the money to full participate in school.

For a society to grown and be sustainable, we need to ensure children have a strong educational base, said Robert Hardt, president & CEO, Siemens Canada.

I personally believe it is the duty of the private sector to add value to society by, among other things, supporting educational goals, said Hardt.

For more information about No Student Left Behind or to access the gift catalogue, visit [www.haltonlearningfoundation.ca](http://www.haltonlearningfoundation.ca).

## Sewer plan could bring 10,000 new Erin residents

By Phil Gravelle  
Metroland Media Group

A new wastewater strategy presented to Town Council last week could open the door to a population increase of 10,000 new residents for Erin Village and Hillsburgh.

No decisions have been made by Council, and the new development would take place over 20-30 years. It would require public consultation on changes to the Official Plan.

Previously, the ability of the West Credit River to absorb treated sewage effluent was considered a major limitation. Now, if the strategy is approved by the Ministry of the Environment, it appears Council will be free to approve substantial new growth zones.

For the first time, urban areas have been identified that would not be provided with

service if a sewer system is constructed. This would free up sewer capacity that could be allocated to new housing.

The areas exempt from sewers would be some of the newer subdivisions with modern septic systems: the Upper Canada Dr./ Leadership Court area of Hillsburgh, the Credit Valley Rd./Pineridge Rd. area in northeast Erin, and the Delarmbro Dr./Patrick Dr./Erinwood Dr. area of South Erin. These are initial suggestions and have not been approved.

If the plan is approved, these areas would not have to pay for actual sewer service. But Council could decide to make all residents (including rural) pay for construction of the system, including a treatment plant that would also process septage (septic tank pump-outs).

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