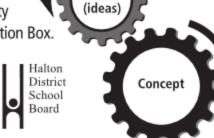


The Halton District School Board is investigating an innovative secondary school concept to be located at

Aldershot High School in Burlington, to serve Halton and beyond. We welcome students, staff, parents/guardians, and community members to share ideas via our Suggestion Box.

The Suggestion Box is now accessible via our Board website at www.hdsb.ca and is open until Friday, October 20, 2017.



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How much time is required until closing?

From the date of the agreement to the closing date, the more time you allow yourself as a purchaser the better off you'll be. Quick closings are often fraught with peril. This is particularly true if you require financing.

You need to contact your mortgage broker or bank quickly and have them arrange for financing promptly. Too many times this summer closings needed to be extended because mortgage lenders were not providing financing in time. Sometimes the mortgage appraisals were being done just a few days before closing, or mortgage final approvals were not being completed until just before closing, etc. While there is only so much you can control, it is important to stress to your lender when your closing date is, and your obligation to close the deal on that date. Extensions may be granted by the vendor, but at additional cost to you, not to mention the added stress.

You also need to make sure your lawyer has the agreement as soon as possible. There is a title search deadline that is often two weeks before the closing date. Lenders also require the lawyer to provide particular documents a few days before closing in order to fund on time. If mortgage instructions are not sent to your lawyer until a day or two before closing, this becomes difficult.

Sometimes the market demands a quick closing, but in order to ensure as smooth a transaction as possible, make sure you get the agreement to your lawyer and mortgage company immediately.

COMMUNITY

Walk or run for the Georgetown Hospital this weekend

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The annual Walk or Run for the Georgetown Hospital will kick off this Sunday, Sept. 24 at the Gellert Centre.

The day will feature a walk only three-kilometre route, and a 5-km walk or run route. Both routes are family-friendly, and people are encouraged to bring their pets.

The day begins at 9 a.m. with registration, and vendors will be open to peruse while families prepare. At 10:15 a.m., Strictly Dance will do a warm-up, and at 10:30 a.m., walkers and runners will take off.

After the walk, the finish line festival will take place, and awards will be handed out for a number of categories, including top youth fundraiser, top adult fundraiser and top fundraising team. At the finish line, the local Kia dealership will be welcoming finishers, and there will be activities and vendors stationed to visit from there. including a photo booth sponsored by Generations Physio, face painting by Georgetown Little Theatre, a colouring station sponsored by Montessori Inkwell, Terra Cotta Cookies and Ross Physio. Mary Kay will also be handing out sunscreen samples.

"(An event like this) is important because it's a great opportunity for everybody to come together



Former Georgetown Hospital Board Chair Laurent Thibault (centre of photo) joins the 5 km Walk & amp; Run in support of the Georgetown Hospital Foundation during the event in 2015.

and raise money for a good cause," Cathrin Hughes. special events co-ordinator with the Georgetown Hospital Foundation, said. "It's a really great opportunity for us to raise money for the hospital.'

Last year, the event raised over \$50,000 for the Georgetown Hospital, and this year, event co-ordinators have a similar goal. The target is \$55,000, and will be donated to the Georgetown Hospital Foundation's Project X - a \$1.5-million campaign to purchase new digital equipment for the X-ray suite, including a portable X-ray machine, which costs \$170,000.

"The current equipment they have in the X-ray suite is film, it's not digital," Hughes explained. "When getting images, they have to be developed, rather than just immediately seeing the digital image."

The event takes place this Sunday, Sept. 24, with registration beginning at 9 a.m. Hughes and the rest of the foundation members expect a successful event.

For more information, visit georgetownhospitalfoundation.ca.



Tuesdays, Sept 26th-Nov 28th, 2017 No program on Oct 24th

Time: 6:30-7:45 (ages 6-9 yrs) 7:15-8:30 (ages 10-13 yrs) Cost: \$50 each participant

At: Halton Hills Christian School

11643 Trafalgar Road (drive to back for gym)

Register online at www.georgetowncommunitychurch.ca

For information call: 905-877-1374 ext 103 or email: Emily_Harman@can.salvationarmy.org



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