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Hall of Famer passes



Olympic fever

Students at St. Francis of Assisi elementary school took part in an assembly to celebrate and learn about the history of the Olympic Games on Tuesday. Pictured (from left) are: Luka Simovic, Nicole Nellis and Eric Stefan.

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Eamonn Maher

HDSB worried Bill 69 will cause delays, extra costs

Halton District School Board is worried that pending provincial legislation about how and when contractors are paid could mean delays and cost overruns related to school construction projects.

In response, the board approved sending a letter to the provincial government outlining its concerns with the proposed Prompt Payment

Act, 2013 (Bill 69).

A letter signed by board chair Kelly Amos was sent to Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne on Jan. 24.

The bill, which focuses on progress payments for construction work, received second reading approval from the Ontario legislature in May 2013.

Prior to third reading consideration, the Halton board

says it is strongly suggesting public consultation about the bill.

"The board acknowledges timely payment to contractors for acceptable work completed within the terms of the construction contract," stated a board press release.

However, in the letter sent to Wynne, trustees outlined several concerns including:

language contained within the draft bill that has significant gaps that, it says, will result in added school construction costs; potential impacts on taxpayer-funded budgets; possible delays in school project openings within communities; and potential overpayments to contractors.

Visit <http://bit.ly/1b9VwjD> to see the letter outlining the board's concerns.

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