

## MISS ACTON FALL FAIR



Melanie Hennessey/Torstar

Miss Acton Fall Fair Sydney Furzer (centre) is joined by first runner up Briana Chen (right) and second runner up Grace Byers during the annual event at Prospect Park.

## EDUCATION

# VIDEO SURVEILLANCE ON SCHOOL BUSES DELAYED

There has been a temporary delay in activating school bus video surveillance cameras, a practice that was supposed to begin with the new school year.

Both the Halton District School Board (HDSB) and the Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) have adjusted their school video surveillance policies to include the school bus environment.

"The delay in turning on the cameras is because we are waiting for the information privacy commissioner (IPC) to finalize a review of our practice," said HDSB communication manager Marnie Denton, adding the board hoped the review would be complete by now.

The IPC may make some recommendations, which the board would want to

consider. Once the review is complete, parents will be advised that the cameras are being turned on, she said.

An email sent to parents and guardians of students at the end of the school year last June stated that personal information recorded by the cameras - which will record while students are entering and exiting the buses and while en route - is collected under the authority of the Education Act and in compliance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

"School buses are an extension of the school day and the students are responsible to the principal for their behaviour on the bus," said Karen Lacroix, general manager, Halton Student Transportation Services.

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