Summer school begins

Catholic board contract dispute over

The labor dispute involving Halton's Catholic high schools is finally over, just in time to preserve summer school studies.

Earlier this month, the Halton Roman Catholic School Board approved a new contract with its high school teachers.

"I believe this contract represents a reasonable and responsible settlement of the recent contract dispute," said board chair Alice Anne LeMay. "With this agreement, normal operations will now resume at all secondary schools throughout the board and enable the full and immediate implementation of the board's extensive summer school program."

The teachers ratified the tentative settlement by a 177-124 margin. The 58 per

cent endorsement paved the way for an end to their four-month, work-to-rule campaign.

The job action cancelled extracurricular activities such as school teams, student theatre, clubs and after-school

"It isn't a great deal, it's a compromise deal," Keith Boyd, strike chair for the teachers' union, said.

The new agreement will restore two years of salary experience increments that teachers lost under the Social Contract. However, the pupil-teacher ratio has been increased to 17.75 pupils from 16.5.

In addition, department and assistant department heads will have one more instructional period.



Holy Cross School students said their annual thank yous to their 18 bus drivers and crossing guards who were the honored guests at a reception, June 28. Those honored with a card of thanks and some refreshments. were (seated, from left) Barb Newman, Bill McLean, Kim Vienneau, Karen Free, Bev Bird, Elsie Smith and Diane Hedge. In back, Sherry Melia, Eileen Covey, Laurette Bouche and Holy Cross teacher Elinor Clarke.

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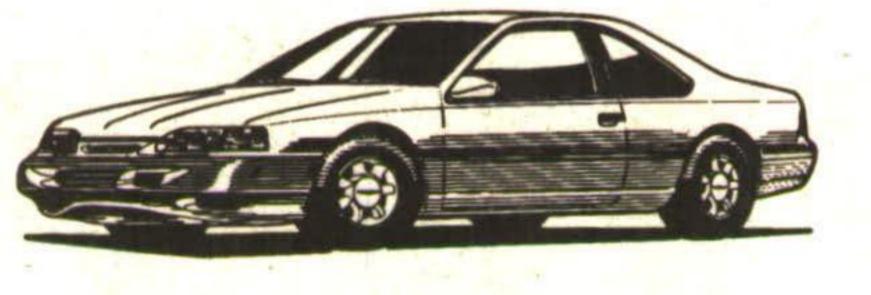
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