

Tax credit offers parents choice

For students, September is an exciting time of year. Much more than January, our Septembers mark the turn of a New Year for those still in school.

This year parents have something new to think about regarding schooling.

Thanks to an initiative announced last May in the Ontario budget, parents will soon have more choice in the education of their children.

Choice in all areas is important to most people. Choice in education is not new; it's simply being broadened through improved affordability.

Already parents grapple with a choice between Catholic, French, public or independent education for their children. Additional choices would respect cultural, religious and educational diversity. The difficulty many parents face is the cost.

Recently, Statistics Canada released a report that demonstrated the majority of children registered at independent schools come from families with low or middle incomes.

Many parents have told me personally how they struggle in order to provide their children with the education that's right for them. That's where the Equity in Education Tax Credit comes in.

When fully implemented, the tax credit will return up to \$3,500 to parents who make the choice to pay tuition for their child's schooling in addition to paying education taxes. The credit will be applied to the first \$7,000 of tuition fees and will be phased in over five years in 10 percent increments beginning with the 2002 tax year. Helping parents help their children is what it's all about.

It's important to point out that since the Progressive Conservatives took office in June, 1995 investment in public education

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has increased substantially from \$12.9 billion to more than \$13.8 billion annually.

This year, funding was increased for public schools by more than \$360 million and we are committed to making new investments to continue to improve the quality of public education in Ontario. Not one dollar will be diverted from public education to pay for the new tax credit.

Those who support excellence in education should welcome more choice for parents. Parents in other provinces have embraced choice in education.

The tax credit brings Ontario into line with Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Quebec.

In fact, while Ontario Liberal Leader Dalton McGuinty has come out strongly against this tax credit, several Liberal MPPs like Michael Bryant and Monte Kwinter have publicly supported the plan.

Right now we are seeking recommendations on such concerns as eligibility requirements for individuals and schools, as well as monitoring curriculum and conducting student testing. I would be happy to forward your thoughts.

Please write them down and forward them to: Ted Chudleigh, MPP Halton, 192 Main Street, Milton, Ontario L9T 1N8.

—Ted Chudleigh is the MPP for Halton.

SMALL BUSINESS WEEK TRADE SHOW

Thursday October 25th

5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



ROYAL BANK

at the

Halton Regional Centre

1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville



The trade show is a tabletop event to showcase Halton's new businesses less than 3 years old. **Exhibitor fee is \$75.** Space is limited, reservations will be confirmed when payment has been received.

Please contact:

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OUR TOWN AT A CROSSROADS



Our concern: Halton Region is searching for water for Georgetown. This process seems to be overtaking the more rational process of the Town Official Plan, which will not be ready for a year and a half.

Some in the community are pushing for Lake Ontario water. If that is the option chosen instead of well water, it will have a profound impact on development and all our lives.

Five citizen groups felt that it would be important to give people some information and have a thorough discussion before this decision is made.

PANEL PRESENTATION AND QUESTIONS

DO WE WANT LAKE ONTARIO WATER?

WHAT IS IN THAT WATER?

DEVELOPMENT? HOW FAST IS GOOD?

SHOULD WE PRESERVE FARMLAND?

WHY SHOULD WE?

HOW?

Monday, September 17, 2001

Holy Cross Church Hall - Maple Avenue Georgetown

Doors open at 7 PM - for Displays

Speakers at 7:30 PM

Contacts: - Daphne Shropshall 905-877-2680 or Barbara Halsall 905-873-0344

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ACTON FALL FAIR

Friday, Saturday and Sunday
September 14, 15, 16

"ONE OF THE BEST LITTLE FAIRS IN ONTARIO"

Come and Discover Why!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2001

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Education Day for Schools.
(Seniors & Pre-School Children welcome)
Children must be accompanied by an adult
Educational displays, wagon rides,
demonstrations

4:00 p.m.

Gates Open to Public

Full midway in operation, exotic and domestic birds in poultry barn, exhibits which include schoolwork, baking, canned and preserves, plants and flowers, vegetables, junior exhibits, antiques, 4-H, needlecrafts, crafts & hobbies and special display classes and the KEN JEN petting zoo featuring more than 65 animals

6:00 p.m. Heavy Horse Pull

8:00 p.m. Miss Acton Fall Fair Pageant

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2001

8 a.m. Gates open

A full day of events including midway, beef cattle show, junior 4-H show, poultry show, petting zoo, English & Western Gymkhana and games show, miniature horse show, light horse show, field exhibits and displays, horseshoe pitching, heavy horse show, and KEN JEN petting zoo

12:00 Noon

Gigantic parade to Fairgrounds from McKenzie-Smith school features the ACTON CITIZENS BAND, marching bands, floats, clowns

1:30 pm Baby Show

Northern Borders Flyball & Canine Performance Team

6:30 p.m. Garden Tractor Pull

8:30 p.m. Highway Truck Pull

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2001

Daily events featuring Antique Tractor Pull, 4 x 4 Truck Pull, Mini Pedal Pull, Dairy Cattle Show, Pet Show, Homecrafts and Field Exhibits, English Horses, Western Horse Show, midway, poultry barn, petting zoo

RETURNING THIS YEAR - Horse Whispering Demonstration 1:00 p.m.

YOU ARE INVITED

to Attend a Public Open House
on Halton Region's Agreement Forest Master Plan Study

Halton Region is preparing a Master Plan for the 1564 acres of Agreement Forests located in the Town of Milton and Town of Halton Hills that are owned by the Region and previously managed for forestry purposes under agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources. The purpose of the Master Plan is to guide forest use and management activities over the next 20 years to ensure the health, safety, and sustainability of the forests.

Please drop in to the first of two Public Open Houses that will be held during the study process:

Date: Tuesday, September 18th, 2001
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Location: Milton Lions Hall (above Milton Memorial Arena)
77 Thompson Road
Milton, Ontario

Come share with us what you know about these forests, what you like about them, your vision of the future of these forests, and your views on what issues the study should investigate and what roles these forests should play, among other topics.

To add your name to the mailing list or to obtain further information, please contact:

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