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FRIDAY...

Georgetown residents looking for a family doctor have two new physicians to choose from. See Friday's edition for profiles of the new additions to the Halton Hills Family Health Team.

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Febrrrrrruary freeze

Chilled Halton Hills crossing guard Tom Massena, who mans the intersection at Delrex Blvd. and Norton Cres. has a simple message for Old Man Winter— STOP. Ontario has been hit with multiple snowstorms and bone-chilling cold recently and the temperatures dipped so severely earlier this week the Region of Halton issued an Extreme Cold Alert. (Below) The Town of Halton Hills sidewalk plows have been kept busy this month with near-record snowfalls although judging by the letters to the editor on page 6, the works crews efforts aren't appreciated by everyone. For more winter weather photos see page 3.

Photos by Ted Brown



Students not penalized for tardiness

Board defends better late than never policy

LISA TALLYN
Staff Writer

Teachers across the province— including Halton District and Halton Catholic District School Board— no longer take marks off school students' assignments for lateness.

The policy is a directive from the Ministry of Education and is in place locally at Georgetown, Acton and Christ the King high schools.

Stuart Miller, Georgetown High School's new principal said, "there's a perception that

students can hand in assignments whenever they want and never get a zero," but he explained, "a zero can be given as a last resort."

He said teachers now have to go through a "pyramid of intervention" to work with students to hand their assignments in.

According to a letter on the policy sent to the community last week from the Halton District School Board, those steps could include helping students with time management skills, providing a calendar of critical dates for major assignments, breaking down major assignments into smaller stages throughout the semester,

communicating with parents about due dates and late assignments, getting to know the students so legitimate reasons for missed deadlines can be considered and giving detentions where students are required to work on the assignment.

Miller said once teachers have gone through that process and if the student still has not handed the work in, they can use "their professional judgment" and the student could be facing a zero.

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