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# Province stepping in with bailout funding

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Ron Caldwell, vice-president of the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario, Halton District, doesn't think the committee will be looking at cutting back or grandfathering the retirement gratuities. The committee is expected to start meeting in the new year.

"Why would we want to change it?" he said. "It's part of our retirement compensation package."

Mr. Caldwell said retirement gratuities go back as far as 35 years and have historically been an impetus for teachers to go to work when sick.

"It has saved the board on supply teachers' salaries," he said, adding contact with many children means more risk of illness. "There are a lot of flus and colds over the season and even cases of pink eye and head lice."

Mr. Caldwell also said many other businesses have retirement packages for

employees.

"Different businesses calculate it differently. Sometimes it's based on vacation pay," he noted. Mr. Caldwell added when teachers retire it usually saves on salaries, because the replacement is often a new teacher starting at a lower rate.

The top annual salary rate for Halton teachers is \$65,000, while entry level rates are \$28,000 for elementary teachers and \$30,000 for secondary teachers.

"I don't think it's an issue," Mr. Caldwell said about retirement gratuities. "We're not looking for any changes at all."

Teachers are allowed 20 sick days a year and are eligible for the retirement gratuity once they've accumulated at least 200 sick

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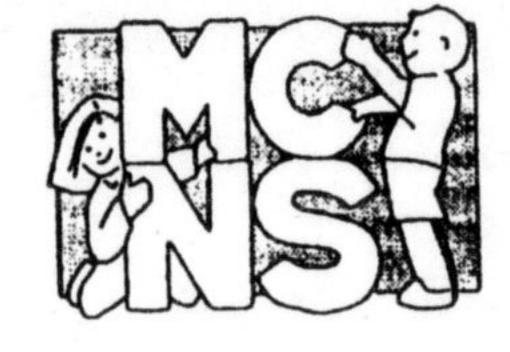
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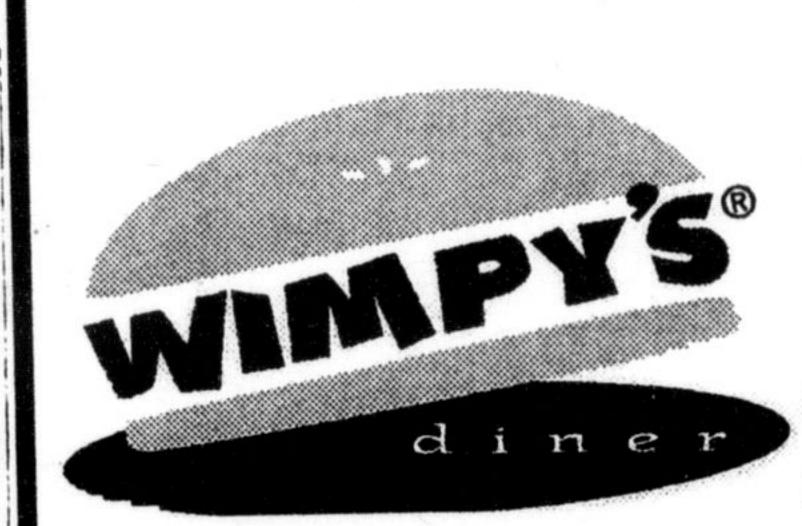
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