



# COMMENT

## Education director's salary hike puzzling

It seems curious that the Halton District School Board, the same board that mounted a very public campaign to inform us about public education funding shortages, is still intent on paying its education director consecutive salary increases of more than 8.5 per cent.

As the school board tackled the unenviable task of chopping \$4 million from its 2002-03 budget to avoid a deficit, neither a freeze nor a reduction of Dusty Papke's 2002-03 base salary of \$165,000 was among the cuts trustees considered.

In fact, Mr. Papke will see his salary jump \$13,000 come September. This after he received a base salary bump of about \$12,000 at the start of the 2001-02 school year.

No one is questioning Mr. Papke's value here, but rather the impression that his salary and the board's funding position seem to contradict one another. As the leader and highest paid employee of the board, perhaps he should step forward and provide a prudent example for others to follow during these lean times.

We respectfully submit that it's high time this board started putting its money where its mouths have been — back in the classroom.



## OUR READERS WRITE

### Woman in accident offers thanks for help

Dear Editor:

I'd like to take this opportunity to send a heartfelt thank you to all the people who helped my daughter and I out during a motor vehicle accident at the corner of Laurier Avenue and Ontario Street last Tuesday.

We were on our way to Milton District High School to finalize her class selection papers, since the originals got lost in transit between Sam Sherratt School and MD. We were involved in a motor vehicle accident at the intersection and the mini-van we were in was hit and knocked over on its side.

We were immediately helped by many wonderful people. I would like to say thank you to the guy who helped get the driver's door open.

I would like to thank the guys who pulled my daughter and then me out of our van. I would like to say thank you to the nurse who was there to help us as we waited for the police and fire and ambulance.

Thank God for all of you wonderful people. We'll never forget your help. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

**Bonnie Lutz and Cynthia Bousfield**  
Milton

### Reporting of complaints against surgeon shouldn't have been left to families: reader

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to the article 'Former Milton surgeon loses licence to practice in Ontario', printed in The Champion Friday, June 14.

Having grown up in Milton, I can recall many stories regarding Dr. Kenneth Bradley.

Now when I read about the revoking of his licence and some of the facts that led to this decision, I can't help but wonder if any action was taken by the doctors and nurses who worked closely with Dr. Bradley over the years.

Some people speculate there's a silent code within the medical profession in regard to reporting suspected colleague incompetence.

It seems to me that if his colleagues had initiated complaints, the senseless deaths may not have happened.

However, if this is indeed not the case, but that he was reported by colleagues over the years, then I suggest this presents an even more troubling problem.

The greatest role of the medical profession is to do what's in the best interest of the patient. As far as I'm

concerned, this includes the reporting of suspected incompetence of fellow doctors and other health care workers.

After all, who has more knowledge of this than the people who are trained to do the same work?

It shouldn't have required the efforts of those courageous families who lost loved ones under the trusted care of this doctor to bring such incompetence to the attention of the appropriate disciplinary body.

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### Thanks to all those who supported cancer fundraiser

Dear Editor:

I'd like to thank everyone who participated in the second annual Canadian Cancer Society Dinner/Dance held at Holy Rosary Parish Hall April 13.

A special thanks goes out to all the people and busi-

nesses that donated time and supplies to make it happen.

With everybody's effort, we raised \$1,780 for the Milton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society.

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