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Ms Weinberger — whose local has been without a contract since Aug. 31, 2004 — said prep time is used for a multitude of reasons, from preparing lessons for class and the assessment/evaluation of students to meeting with administration.

"The teachers of Halton will not settle for less than the 200 minutes of weekly preparation time that Ottawa-Carleton teachers have had for years," said Ms Weinberger. "Either the board starts to take our position seriously or the teachers start to withdraw services. It's up to the board."

Added Ms Noble: "Halton board cannot think of itself as an educational leader while it provides second rate working conditions for my membership."

Ms Weinberger said Thursday's turnout was sub-

stantial because pains were taken to explain issues to the union's membership. During this month, she visited 53 sites to speak to teachers.

"We have a pretty well-informed membership and obviously it supports the direction we're going," she said.

Ms Weinberger said a meeting with the board and a conciliator is set for February 21.

If there's an impasse, either party can apply for a no board report.

With a strike vote in hand, a strike can legally take place 16 days later. That doesn't mean a strike is inevitable, but Ms Weinberger explained that a variety of tactics, such as a work to rule campaign, are always possible.

"It all depends on the board," she added.

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The Whitby resident pleaded guilty at Ontario Court of Justice in Burlington to two charges for failing to work in a safe manner with a machine or equipment,

contrary to the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

A spokesperson with the Ontario Ministry of Labour said the supervisor — a 41-year-old Mississauga man - was struck and pinned by a forklift in the incident.

The employee was fined \$8,000 plus a 25 per cent victim fine surcharge.

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The Halton Environmental Network (HEN) will hold its first annual Conference on the Environment February 12.

The theme of the conference is Group Power: Sustaining the Environment through Group Participation, said HEN co-ordinator Stephen Dankowich.

Development Halton will reflect on the power of networking and the need to build bonds between environmental and social justice groups.

the impact of quarrying and crushing stone used to make concrete for construction, roads and bridges and the importance of clean air and water. Running from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., the event will be held at Halton Region Auditorium at

Advanced registration can be done by calling (905) 849-5501 or by e-mail at info@the-hen.net. The conference costs \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors, and

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Correction

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The cutline — accompanying a photo of members of the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre Kitchen Band - stated that the group was part of the Women Who Sing chorus performance, when in fact it was a separate show altogether.

The Champion regrets this error, as well as any inconvenience it may have caused.

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