

# U.K. teachers here to visit Halton schools

## Group to study local literacy and numeracy initiatives

A group of teachers from the United Kingdom arrive today for a lesson on what makes our education system tick.

The 12 primary teachers from the Newham Local Authority in England will visit several schools and will meet with a number of administrators during the four-day visit.

The focus of the visit is for teachers to learn more about literacy for primary school-aged students. The U.K. visitors will learn about Halton's literacy and

numeracy initiatives, systemic approaches to school improvement, early intervention strategies for at-risk learners, integration of special needs students, strategies to support English as a Second Language learners and the learning environment in Halton classrooms.

"While this is an opportunity for our U.K. guests to learn about the work in Halton, it gives our administrators and teachers and support personnel the opportunity to learn about the effective work being done in the U.K. system,"

Jeff Blackwell, Halton District School Board's superintendent of education (program), said in a press release.

"We are excited about this learning opportunity for our U.K. guests as well as our board staff."

The teachers will visit classrooms in several schools, participate in the Ontario Focused Intervention Partnership literacy session with Oakville teachers, discuss literacy intervention and Halton's approach to its full-day early learning kindergarten program and more.



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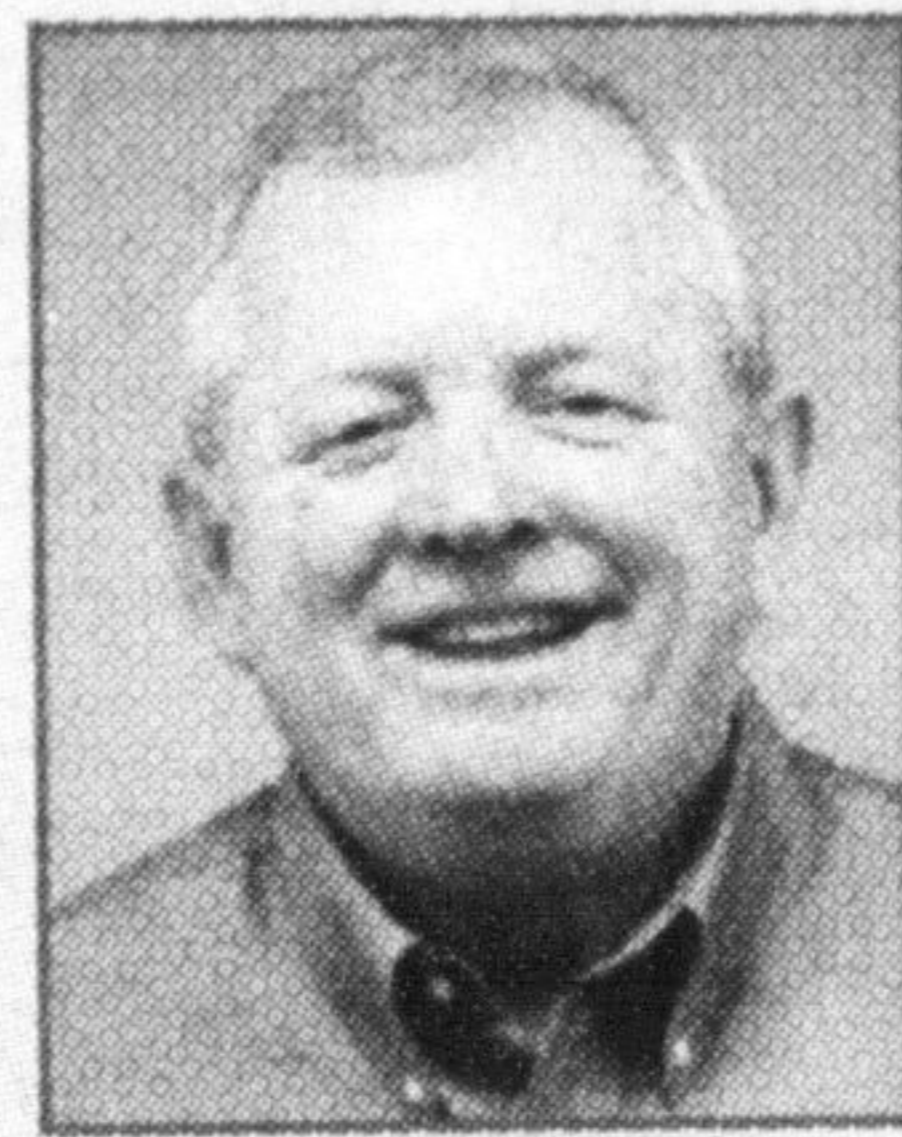
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