

School meets with students; counselling offered

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After the incident, Danyelle said the bus driver calmly drove the children to school and dropped them off.

She added that she didn't say anything to him because she was so angry about the incident she couldn't "even look at the driver."

Danyelle said she spent last Tuesday in "complete shock" as the reality of the inci-

dent sunk in.

"It was really surreal that it happened, and all so quick. I can't get the image of that train coming towards us out of my head. It just keeps re-playing."

On Wednesday after parents, including Danyelle's mother, had been in touch with the school, principal Adrian Flynn had a

meeting with all the students involved and offered them counselling.

He also said he would speak to school staff because teachers at the school failed to inform him of the incident even though students had relayed the story to them.

"There were a couple of kids who were quite shaken by this," said Flynn, who has two children of his own who use school buses. "This is an awful event that the kids have had to go through, and they have had a new driver this morning (Thursday)."

He added that he has received assurances that the bus driver, who has been temporarily suspended, won't drive another route for the school.

As a result of the incident, the regional general manager of First Student, the bus company involved, said he has launched an investigation.

"Safety is paramount and being unsafe is not what we like," said Peter McGlynn. "The investigation has started. It's a matter of speaking to the driver and gathering information. If there are conflicting reports we would seek access (to speak with the kids) to make sure we gather all the facts."

He said according to the driver, the front of the bus was 11 metres away from the track the train was on.

McGlynn added the driver said one of the construction workers on site stood in between the bus and the train as it passed.

All drivers have to go through 50 hours of both driving and classroom training before getting into an operating school bus.

CP has begun its own investigation.

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Cyclist injured in hit-and-run

Police are searching for a hit-and-run driver after a female cyclist was seriously injured Saturday night.

The 53-year-old lone cyclist is in Hamilton General Hospital after she was struck while riding along Derry Road just before 7:15 p.m.

At the time of the incident Halton police say she was travelling eastbound and approaching the intersection of Walker's Line.

The driver failed to stop and the cyclist

was found on the roadside by passing motorists.

The isolated stretch of road was closed for five hours during the investigation.

Police believe from evidence at the scene that the vehicle is a late model Ford F-150 with the passenger side mirror assembly missing.

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