

# School's back with new programs that look to the future

School doors open today and thousands of students will make their way through to start the first year of the new decade. The Halton Board of Education anticipates enrolment will increase

across the region during September. In north Halton, 6,552 elementary students and 4,070 secondary school students are expected to attend classes, said Brian Woodland, spokesman for the board. More than 200 new teaching and

administrative staff will also join the board during the next year. The hirings result from retirements, staff promotions, increases in enrolment and new services. New this year is a no smoking policy in effect on all board property.

As well, all schools will begin using the new Opening Exercises Resource Document approved by the board. The document features almost 1,000 passages from a variety of sources — both secular and religious. Mr. Woodland said 1991 will be a

difficult budget year, but staff and trustees will take action to minimize the impact on the local mill rate. Focus will also be placed on programs such as Toward 2000 — Learning for the Future, and Partners for the Future, he said.

## Gori claims he was misquoted

Giuseppe Gori, the Family Coalition Party candidate vying for the Halton North seat in the provincial election, says he has been misquoted by the *Georgetown Independent* and therefore an editorial published in the *Canadian Champion* is inaccurate.

The editorial, "Men of Integrity," was published in the Aug. 29 *Canadian Champion* and drawn from an account of an all-candidates meeting written by *Georgetown Independent* reporter Scott Kline.

Mr. Gori said Mr. Kline's portrayal of his behaviour as critical of the moral fibre of other Halton North candidates was inaccurate because there was no personal slight.

At the meeting in question, Liberal incumbent Walt Elliot lashed out at Mr. Gori for what he construed as an attack on his integrity "by innuendo." Mr. Gori said Mr. Elliot took his remarks "personally. I was talking generally."

He also said Mr. Kline misquoted him by attributing the following statement to Mr. Gori: "If you want to be represented by a person with integrity and morals you must vote for me." Mr. Gori said the correct quote ended with "vote for one" instead, and contended the difference was substantial.

Mr. Kline and *Georgetown Independent* editor Hartley Coles said Mr. Kline's quote was accurate. They also indicated the *Canadian Champion* editorial of Aug. 29 was accurate in both tone and judgement.



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