

Trustee's ideas for cost-cutting win little sympathy

Wants higher PTR, fewer administrators, more efficient busing

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To say that Oakville trustee John Scheel's cost-cutting proposals created some discussion at last week's Halton Board of Education

finance committee meeting would be an understatement.

Mr. Scheel's 10 proposals were dissected, and for the most part, tossed out. Trustees, who did agree with the intent of the some of the proposals, nevertheless deemed

them unviable budget-reducing measures.

Mr. Scheel's recommendations included increasing the pupil-teacher ratio (PTR), reducing the number of consultants and coordinators, re-organizing the transportation system to curtail inefficiencies, slashing what he calls an excessive ad-

ministration and putting more vice-principals and department heads in classrooms.

The proposals to increase the PTR and to reduce the number of consultants and co-ordinators were discussed in-camera.

Trustees supported only two of Mr. Scheel's proposals, but it was

more with a view to urging the administration to continue to monitor the areas of transportation and lower attendance courses.

"I believe we're already doing everything we can to optimize the use of buses," said Director of Education Bob Williams.

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Barbara Sullivan to be acclaimed



Barbara Sullivan

The Halton Centre Liberal Association will hold its nomination meeting next Monday (Mar. 21) at 7:30 p.m. at the Oakville Holiday Inn, and incumbent Barbara Sullivan will be acclaimed.

MPP Murray Elston, Official Opposition House Leader and Critic for Financial Institutions, will be the guest speaker. Aside from these duties, Mr. Elston has chaired the Caucus Committee on Rural Development and has served in a variety of Cabinet positions.

"We are pleased to have Mr. Elston as our guest speaker," said riding association president Erhma

Ribble. "Once again, the membership of the Halton Centre Liberal Association has shown its confidence in Barbara Sullivan by acclaiming her for a third straight nomination."

Ms Sullivan is presently critic for health for the official opposition and has served as critic for the environment as well as parliamentary assistant to the minister for labour and women's issues.

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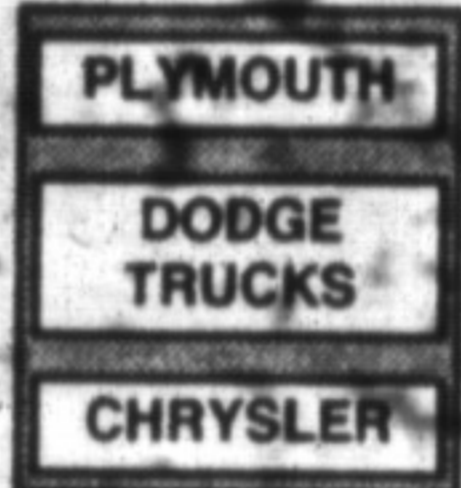


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