

Grade 3 teacher has MPP Young job shadow her

Feels she made a point with teacher critic

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Anne Milford doesn't feel any more secure about the future of education in Ontario, but she believes she's made her point to a provincial politician.

The grade 3 teacher at Ascension elementary school in Burlington had Halton Centre MPP Terence Young job-shadow her for part of a day to give him an idea of the effort an instructor puts into a typical shift.

Mr. Young represents some residents in southern rural Milton as well as Oakville and Burlington.

An educator with 27 years experience, most of it with the Halton Roman Catholic School Board, Ms Milford challenged the Conservative

MPP, parliamentary assistant to Education Minister John Snobelen, to observe her in action.

She issued the invitation following recent public statements by Mr. Young that changes need to be made in an education system that he said has, among other things, allowed teachers to work 9-to-3 hours and receive lump sum sick days retirement gratuities.

Ms Milford was somewhat surprised but appreciative of Mr. Young taking a half day recently to watch her teach.

"He was very receptive and listened to my concerns. I got him involved in the lessons. We did yard duty (recess) together and he helped out in the computer lab and with math," she said.

Still, the veteran educator, miffed at Mr. Young's comments, felt compelled to dispute the MPP on certain points.

"I will not receive sick pay because the Halton Catholic board doesn't have it, and I don't work 9-to-3. I generally arrive at school at 8 a.m. and leave around 5 p.m.

She also shot back at critics, such as politicians, who say teachers make exorbitant salaries. "The focus tends to be on the high end of the

scale (\$60,000 range), but most of us are not making anywhere near that.

"I have not had a salary increase in seven years but my workload has increased 45 per cent," said Ms Milford.

Her class size has gone from 22 students to 32, she said.

Though she didn't want to disclose her salary, Ms Milford said she does a lot to earn it. She provided Mr. Young with a list of 20 tasks she says she and many other teachers do regularly outside the class before 9 a.m. and after 3:30 p.m.

Among the necessary duties she included were: Correcting and evaluating pupil progress, working with curriculum documents and computer programs, ordering resource materials for the classroom, attending workshops, organizing class trips, recess supervision and providing remedial work for students.

Mr. Young said he acknowledges the effort of teachers like Ms Milford and that it was never his intent to paint Halton teachers as lazy or unproductive.

"I was extremely impressed with the profes-

sional and caring attitude of this teacher, and I'm sure there are many others like her in Halton. I was re-impressed with the patience and focus shown," said Mr. Young, an Oakville resident with three children in Halton's public school system.

"When I made the 9-3 comment I should have said 8:30-3:30, because that is the official school day. But I realize there are lots of teachers who put in the extra effort like Anne Milford. But there are also some teachers who just show up on time and leave on time," said the MPP.

Mr. Young said he was not surprised by many of the things he saw in the classroom — he's visited several public and Catholic schools in Halton — but there was one item that took him aback.

"Mrs. Milford showed me six reading textbooks that cost over \$200. It seemed like an awful lot of money."

Mr. Young said consolidating the purchase of textbooks between school boards and the acceptance of a common curriculum among Ontario's 170 or so boards would lead to significant savings.

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Young sticks to his guns after a day with teacher

Though Terence Young mainly had words of praise for teachers in Halton like Anne Milford, he indicated a hard-line stand on escalating education costs in Ontario is needed.

"Our goal is to restructure the educational system in Ontario," said the Conservative MPP for Halton Centre.

Mr. Young said his government is looking at a host of changes to bring the province's \$100 billion debt and \$8 billion annual deficit under control. Education is one sector where savings can be made, he said. "We're doing a lot to address quality through changes, but we realize change does create a lot of stress."

"It's not really a fun time to be in government. It's interesting and challenging, but it's not really a fun time to be in education either," said Mr. Young, who noted that despite a fiscal crisis, "We're going to put more resources into the classroom. I don't think there is anything this government will do to give teachers more work."

Among the possible ways of saving dollars in education, said Mr. Young, include boards and municipalities sharing transportation costs — which he acknowledged the two Halton boards currently do — cutting back on school board administration, and perhaps contracting out the \$1.2 billion cost of school custodial and maintenance work to municipalities.

Mr. Young noted that the imminent change in Ontario to a four-year high school plan from the current five years will result in annual savings of \$250-300 million.

A reduction in the nearly 200 school boards in the province has been looked at seriously by the government, and was one of the recommendations made this week by the Who Does What panel.

Mr. Young also expressed his feelings on the recent review of Bill 100, which deals with the current collective bargaining process involving teachers and government.

"Personally, I don't think they should have the right to strike. I believe teaching is an essential service, like firefighting and medical care."

— By Tim Whitnell