

Letters

Reader says notice to close Day Care should be a year

Mr. Donald G. Plaxton, 10350 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill

Dear Mr. Plaxton,

I attended the "Save Seneca Day Care"

meeting at Vanier Collegiate, on June 11, 1979, and heard you in your opening remarks, refer to the fact that you had, as a parent, been involved in the closing of the school attended by

your nine-year-old son. It is as a parent that I appeal to you. A facility attended by one of my daughters for three and a half years, and about to be attended by my other daughter, is being closed.

Two months notice was given, parents were not consulted, alternatives were not discussed.

Does my experience with Seneca College parallel your experience with the York County Board of Education? How much notice did you receive? Were you, as a parent, consulted? Were alternatives suggested?

It is my suspicion that you were treated quite differently. I believe that it is Board of Education policy to give at least one year's notice in the closing of a school.

It is my feeling that you, as chairman of the Board of Governors for Seneca College, should give me, as a parent, at least the treatment that you, as a parent, received from the York County Board of Education.

I appeal to you, as parent to parent, to reconsider your decision.

Nothing is as important in the whole educational spectrum as early childhood education. I hope your not inconsiderable influence in community affairs will help right the wrong being done to these young children.

Howard J. Reynolds, 70 Baif Blvd. Richmond Hill

Mrs. D. May, 156 Church St. S., Richmond Hill

Andrew Heid, 56 Spruce St. Aurora

Trustee's comments not helpful - teacher

It would appear that the citizens of York Region are to be confronted with a potentially serious disruption in their secondary educational system.

As a teacher within that system, as well as a parent and local taxpayer, it disturbs me to see the ill-advised comments of trustee Bill Monroe that were reported in your front page story of June 13, in which he seems to question the integrity of teachers, of the teachers' federation, and of potential third party independent arbitrators.

Such comments are not at all helpful at this time. The major need is to acquaint the general public with the basic issues, and to avoid the inevitable consequences of failure to reach a contract agreement.

Teachers are quite willing to submit the outstanding issues to an impartial independent arbitrator in order to maintain school operations.

The board is unwilling to do so.

Because of the board's refusal of arbitration, teachers have been forced into a position of either accepting an inadequate agreement or of applying sanctions as a last resort.

We have decided on the latter, although opting for the most moderate sanctions at our disposal

— a work-to-rule program. Basically, teachers do not want to disrupt the educational process and, at this time, have no intention of striking with a complete withdrawal of services.

However, a great

majority of teachers feel alienated by the board and have no intention of accepting a contract that is inferior to those offered in neighboring jurisdictions.

The question that we would like answered is, "why will the board not

submit to arbitration?" Arbitration would appear to be the only solution to the conflict outside of one side capitulating completely. Trustees should be encouraged to agree to arbitration, and the most effective encouragement can come from students and parents.

All concerned individuals should contact their trustees directly and express their views.

William Atkinson, 8 Orton Crescent, Richmond Hill

have had only two months' notice, will have great difficulty finding good day care for their children.

The teachers also will have problems finding other jobs.

Debbie Huke, 151 Church St. S., Richmond Hill

Day Care closing would be a loss

If Seneca College closes its Day Care Centres, it will be a great loss to the whole community.

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Those in charge have priorities wrong, he says

It was with considerable anger that I read about the closing of the Seneca College Day Care Centre — both the Central one and the King Campus.

Though retired, I have spent some years in the educational field and of one thing I am absolutely sure, and that is that those in charge of our educational facilities and institutions have got their

Centre closing distresses her

I am greatly distressed by the news that Seneca College plans to close its Day Care Centres this summer.

I am a working mother and sent my eldest child to the King Campus Day Care Centre for three years.

At that time it was difficult to find day care that had such an excellent setting, staff and program.

In these days of cut-backs, it is even harder.

Seneca was one of the few places that seemed to be putting the health and happiness of the children ahead of monetary considerations.

I cannot understand how they can set aside such an important priority at this time.

Having just watched my son's school shut down, also because of budget restraints, I, as a parent and taxpayer, feel very ill-treated.

I hope that other people will join me in urging Seneca to reconsider its position and to try and approach their financial problems with more humanity and imagination.

As a solution, closing the Day Care Centre, is a very short-sighted move which will create many long-term problems.

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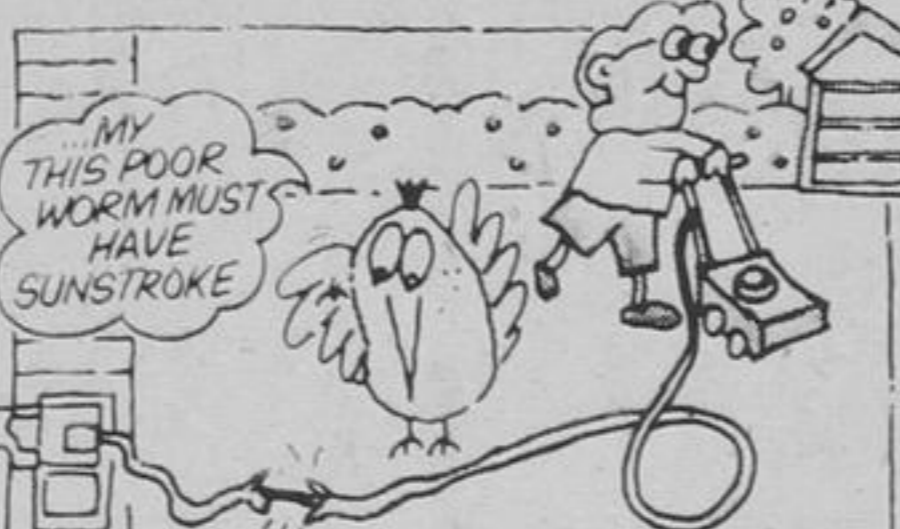
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