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Picketing by students

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 Staff Reporter

Students planning an after-school protest Monday were met by picketing teachers on their way to school.

Public high school teachers kicked off a work-to-rule campaign at 7:30 a.m. Monday by picketing in front of their schools. Stouffville District Secondary School Principal Alan Dickson said the morning protest was a "peaceful" one.

Students were given an information sheet outlining why the teachers have cut back on many voluntary tasks and extra-curricular activities for the duration of the strike.

"While it's not business as usual, it is learning as usual," Dickson said.

According to union literature, the York Region Board of Education wants to cut back on teaching staff to the extent that students will have fewer course choices, larger classes and less one-on-one attention.

For their part, students staged a region-wide protest at the board's Aurora education centre and the union head office at 5 p.m. Monday.

The teens are not taking the side of either the board or the teachers, but rather are pushing for the two sides to get back to the bargaining table.

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Goodwood General Store burns Friday

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 Correspondent

A Goodwood landmark was gutted by a fire Friday night, leaving two families homeless while causing over \$200,000 in damage.

The blaze caused extensive damage to the Goodwood General Store on Hwy 47, while destroying three attached apartments. Uxbridge firefighters were called to the scene around 6:30 p.m., with crews being called from neighbouring fire depart-

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The Goodwood store is the third major fire in the area this year.



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Coloring the earth

Heather Scott, 6, helped her dad plant his annuals on the front lawn of their Alderwood St. home Saturday. The fine weekend weather has everyone thinking gardening.

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