

Letters

Redundant teacher declaration will hurt students

Dear Editor,
In response to the provincial requirement that the York Region Board of Education trim its budget by \$42 million, it has been decided by the board to lay reassign over 300 teachers.

that most, if not all, of the new teachers hired over the last two years will be transferred.

At Stouffville District Secondary School, 5.5 teachers will be made redundant by the board, effective Aug. 31.

These teachers will be placed in permanent supply positions until

January, 1997 after which date their status will depend on events that unfold over the next few months.

In addition five more teachers will be declared "surplus" and reassigned to other schools in York Region.

our children will be educated by fewer teachers, all of whom will be required to teach more classes in order to make up the shortfall. This can only result in a negative effect on our children's education.

Our teachers at Stouffville volunteer many hours of their own time to extra curricula activities e.g. band, sports, computers, field trips, student council etc.

Due to the heavier teaching loads many of these activities will be seriously curtailed or cease altogether.

And after school sporting event may be delayed or cancelled outright as all teachers will be required in the classrooms and there will be none available to

escort the team.

These are just two of the effects of the "slash and burn" approach to budget trimming adopted by the board.

We believe that the following suggestions would give results that are less harmful and more productive.

- Even though some cuts have already been made at the administrative level, a strong effect here, particularly in areas of senior administrators' salaries, could yield additional savings.

- Transportation needs could be reviewed. Some services could be linked to existing public transit systems.

- Negotiate with the unions in order to encourage more senior teachers to retire.

- By negotiating an appropriate roll back in salaries among all the teachers not just those "last hired."

These are just four suggestions and if we all work together we can find solu-

tions to these problems. Solutions that do not harm our children's education, or place all of the financial burden on one small, hard working segment of our society.

The situation at SDSS is used as an example but similar cuts are affecting all schools in York Region.

We ask every parent to write to their school trustee stating their opposition to these measures.

Perhaps this newspaper could print a clip out coupon for the parent to sign and send to the Director of Education for the board. His address is:

Bill Hogarth,
Director of Education,
York Region Board of
Education,
60 Wellington Street,
West,
Box 40,
Aurora, Ont. L4G 3H2

Children's Education
Support Committee
Stouffville.

Concession decision should be reconsidered student says

Dear Editor,
In response to a letter in the comment section of the Tribune of April 17, I would like to discuss students' need to become entrepreneurs. For the past two summers I have successfully operated the Latham Hall snack bar in Memorial Park. I undertook this endeavor in the summer of 1994 when the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville was privatizing their concessions because I needed secure employment to pay for my schooling.

Because of this, I may be unable to complete my honors university degree this fall.

I feel that my youth was perhaps used against me and that perhaps proper consideration was not taken when evaluating my enterprising endeavor, having first opened my own business at the age of 19.

If students must become entrepreneurs, making jobs for themselves where none exist in these lean times, people should try to assist these efforts rather than quashing fruitful, successful businesses and curtailing students' chances of being self-sufficient.

This year my tender was denied in favor of another applicant despite my past experience (I worked in the arena snack bar for seven years prior to the privatization) and hard-earned success.

C. Hurtle,
Markham.

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Located: Uxbridge
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Recently reduced \$10,000. Huge country porch. Approx. 15 minutes from the 404. Bob Abbaterusso, 852-9781.

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