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Accountability fine, but more needed to fix education system: McGuinty

BY KATHLEEN GRIFFIN
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While Ontario Liberal leader Dalton McGuinty supports accountability measures like standardized testing in Ontario's education system, he says it won't work without investing more money for classroom resources and teacher support.

"There's tremendous frustration out there with the problems of school under-funding, morale in the schools and class sizes," McGuinty said in an interview. "Accountability measures alone are not enough."

McGuinty was in York Region Thursday night to detail what he's calling his "education peace plan" and to hear the concerns of more than 120 parents, students, teachers and community

leaders gathered at Holy Cross Catholic High School in Vaughan.

He said the problems the Ontario system is facing don't only affect students and teachers in classrooms today, but society as a whole.

"There's a race going on around the world to deliver the best education and we're not in that race. In Ontario, in the last three years in primary grades, half the children did not meet the standards," McGuinty said.

"We all need to understand how important education is to our future prosperity — it's the single most important aspect for a high-wage economy and that requires highly skilled, educated people."

He said he's traveled to England, Ireland and the United States to study

their systems and try to glean ideas that would work in Ontario.

Those countries have supported their accountability measures, like standardized testing with cash. That has shown results, he said.

"We're only doing one thing — making everyone accountable. Speaking as a father of four teenagers, I agree with accountability. I like the new report cards, the core curriculum, the standardized tests; I want to know how my school is doing in relation to others."

"But in England, for example, they have increased funding each year and that has been skewed to the schools that need it most. They purchased 43 million new textbooks. They have freed up 2,500 master teachers, who train other teachers. They are investing in education."

Parents and teachers told McGuinty they are frustrated about overcrowded classrooms and scheduling difficulties both students and teachers encounter trying to meet the government's 1,250 minutes-per-week requirement.

Some students are upset they have a mere 15 minutes for lunch and others are concerned about the continued use of portables.

"This is the price of the Mike Harris education system," said Tony Genco, former provincial candidate and member of the Vaughan-King-Aurora riding association.

"The government's not just cutting costs, it's cutting quality and service and we're seeing the evidence."

He said McGuinty assured the crowd he was there to listen and would take their views into account as he polished his education peace plan.

The main intent of McGuinty's initiative is to improve the goodwill in schools by giving teachers more options. He proposes teachers add eight minutes to every class, amounting to about a half-hour a day.

That would ensure the government's teaching time requirement was met, but the teachers would not have to add another class. That may make them more willing to provide extra-curricular activities.

He said it was a work-in-progress and that further details would be revealed next week at the annual Liberal party fundraiser in Toronto.

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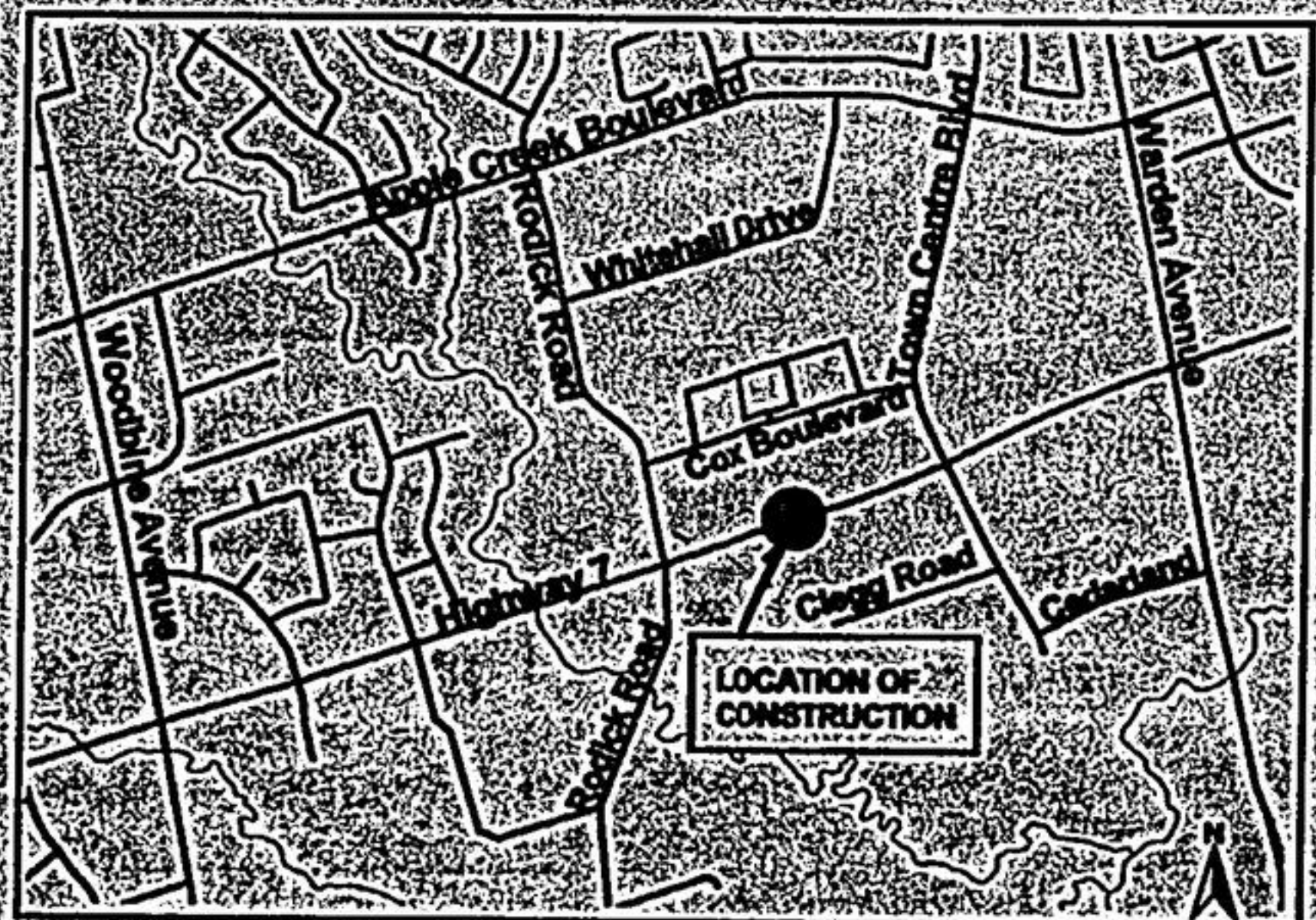
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Two lanes of traffic will remain open at all times. One eastbound lane and one westbound lane.



In order to minimize the duration of the construction activities an exemption to the Town of Markham Noise By-law No. 218-89 was obtained to extend the permitted hours of work.

Should you require additional information on this contract, please contact Steve Kyle at the Region of York (905) 764-6345, extension 3036.



LEGACY 5KM RUN/WALK

at Markham Green G.C. in support of
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TEAM CHALLENGE

The Team Challenge is a chance for you to organize a group of friends, co-workers or club members into a five person team to compete in the Legacy 5K Run/Walk. Your team would have the chance to win a prize for either being the fastest team or the team that raises the most money. Of course our hospital is the big winner! We hope that the Team Challenge makes it fun for you to participate.

Date: Sunday, April 29, 2001
Start Time: 10 a.m. sharp, Warm up 9:40 a.m.
Location: Legacy Community (9th line and 14th Avenue) Markham

A TEAM is defined as a group of 5 people.
To Enter: Complete one entry form for each team member. Submit all team entries together with the team registration fee of \$200.00. If you are entering several teams please make sure that entry forms and fees are submitted in teams of 5. ALL ENTRIES AND SPONSORSHIP MONEY MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 20, 2001.

REGISTRATION FEE: Team entry fee: \$200.00 (The entire registration fee will be waived if the team raises \$500 or more.) Each team member will receive a unique mock neck, long sleeved T-shirt embroidered with the Legacy logo.

RACE KIT PICKUP: Race kit pick-up at Richmond Hill RUNNING ROOM (8900 Yonge Street, Unit 1), April 25th to 27th 10:00 am to 8:30 pm and Saturday, April 28th 10:00 am to 5:30 pm.

PRIZE Categories: 1) TOP PLEDGE COLLECTING TEAM - determined from the total dollar amount collected by each team of 5.
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- HOW TO REGISTER:**
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 - Fax your Entry Forms and Pledge Forms with credit card number to cover the registration fee (if applicable) and the full amount of sponsorship money, to the Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation (905) 472-7018.
 - Register your team in person at the Richmond Hill RUNNING ROOM (8900 Yonge Street, Unit 1, Richmond Hill).
 - Register your team in person at Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation Office (Monday to Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

TEAM ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER APRIL 20, 2001.
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For More Information: Please call the LEGACY Information line at (905) 472-7373 ext. 3777.
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