

Some not mathematically inclined, says SDSS principal

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While the applied course suits roughly 80 per cent of those taking it, some students just aren't mathematically inclined and find it difficult, he said.

SDSS offers remedial help where needed and is working with consultants from York Region District School Board to adjust the curriculum at the applied level, Mr. Lewis noted.

"We're trying really hard to make sure that they're getting the right kind of learning."

While Mr. Lewis discounts

the new curriculum as affecting the score differences, its content and pace are a major part of the problem, according to Brother Andre High School principal Carol Williams.

At the Markham school (attended by many Stouffville students), 92 per cent of academic-level students passed the test and 51 per cent met the provincial average, while 77 per cent of applied-level students passed and 19 per cent met the provincial standard.

"Some of the students may find some of the materi-

al in the new curriculum to be difficult and challenging," Ms Williams said. "They're getting hit a bit hard."

Mathematics is a cumulative skill and students writing last year's test were not

prepared in elementary school for the new curriculum, she said.

Ms Williams also attributed the difference in scores in part to performance anxiety.

Brother Andre offers after-

school remediation, lunch-time peer tutoring and plans to identify students struggling with math early, both in elementary school and high school.

A casual, not tense, atti-

tude toward the test by students contributed to the test-score gap, according to Frank Fazzari, principal at Aurora's Cardinal Carter High School

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Public input and comment are invited, for incorporation into the planning and design of this project, and will be received until **March 10, 2002**. Subject to comments received and the receipt of necessary approvals, the Region intends to proceed with the planning, design and construction of this project, to be completed by 2003.

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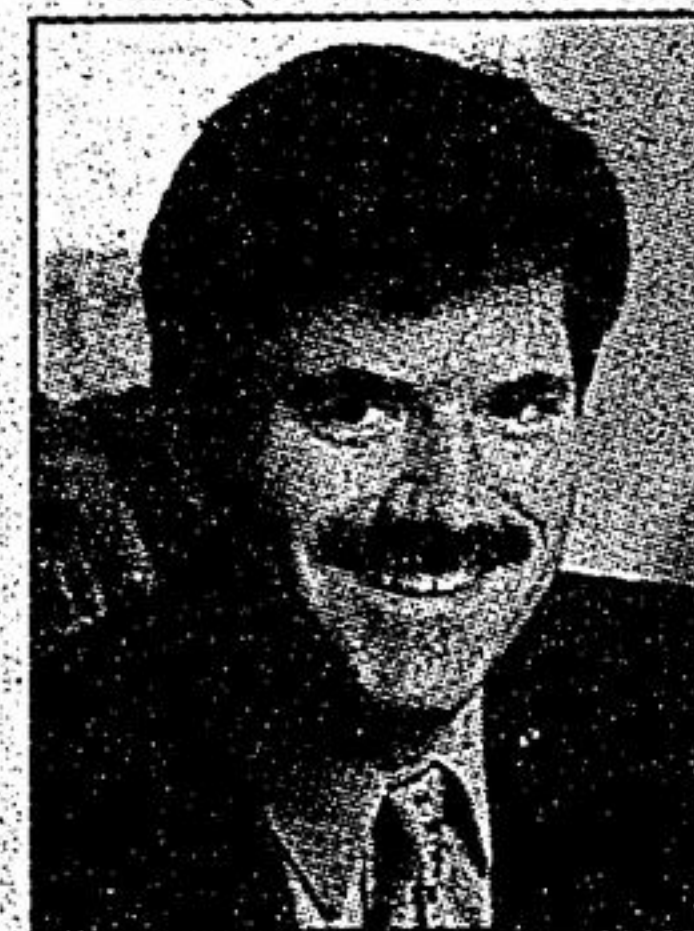
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