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**Councillors
wrong on SDSS,
principal says**

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with broken chairs and kicked-in lockers, she said. As well, Councillor Sherban told council she's spotted teachers smoking on Edward Street.

Mr. Lewis said he cannot dictate where students or teachers can smoke once they are off school property. The school principal said he was "saddened" to learn that Councillor Sherban was so critical of the local school and its students. "I think Councillor Sherban is shooting from an empty data base," said Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Lewis said he recognizes that the behavior of some of Whitchurch-Stouffville's young people needs to be addressed.

MOST-KIDS GOOD

"I welcome the mayor's invitation," said Mr. Lewis. "This is a step in the right direction. We should all work together. I'm proud of our school and our students. I'd like to remind everyone, including local council, that 95 per cent of our students are well managed, good children. Let's keep things in perspective."

"The town should put large garbage cans along Edward Street," said Grade 12 student Vanessa Rosedale. "What do they expect? You'll get garbage if there's no place to put it," she said.

Places like Pizza Pizza should be part of the campaign to clean up the street, said Chad Cox, 17. He is also recommending the town put garbage containers on Edward Street.

**CHAD COX**

Town should enforce littering law, student says.

"Then we should get Pizza Pizza to put a sign up inside the store to remind the kids to use the garbage cans," said Mr. Cox. "The town could also enforce the littering laws. The school could get involved more, too. The people living on Edward can't do much. They're the victims," the Grade 12 student added.

The owners of the fast food restaurants need to take more responsibility, said SDSS student Andrew Robinson. "The garbage starts with them. These fast food places should be part of the cleanup, too."

OTHERS LITTER, TOO

SDSS does try to get the students to be mindful of their garbage when walking on the streets, said Grade 9 student Kayla Sealy. "They mention it over the PA system. But, I don't see any garbage cans. Let's put the kind out that don't roll away. See if it helps. It won't hurt to try. Yes, I'd like to go to this meeting, too. If it's about us, we should be there."

SDSS student Amie Burford said the resident's actions were not entirely fair.

"Not all of the mess is from the high school kids," said Miss Burford. "Some of the garbage is thrown there by people who work in the area. It's not all the fault of the teenagers. Other people have to take some responsibility, too," she said.

OTHER ISSUES

As well as littering, the meeting to be held before the end of the year will also deal with other youth issues including serious assaults, vandalism, drugs and threatening.

"Something is happening to our youth," said Mayor Emmerson.