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7 Part of the solution:
 Stouffville Secondary
 students set to adopt
 littered Edward Street.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
EVENT: Pet pictures with Santa Claus
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Health inspectors pushed, threatened

Clean restaurateurs
 welcome a visit

BY LISA QUEEN
 Staff Writer

Fred Lee is one of the good guys.

In the business of restaurant inspections, where investigators find health hazards ranging from a lack of hand soap at kitchen sinks to rats rummaging through food, Mr. Lee has gone out of his way to ensure his Great Khan Mongolian Grill surpasses health standards.

Senior public health inspector Joseph Mancuso is pleased with the Markham eatery as he slips in the back door for a surprise visit Tuesday.

He flashes his authoritative provincial offences inspector badge to an employee.

"These are a lot better than the ones we used to have. They looked like the cheap, plastic sheriff badges you got as a kid," he laughed.

Although Mr. Mancuso is welcomed in at the Mongolian Grill, that's not always the case in his line of work.

"I've been pushed. I've been threatened. I've had to get the police, to at least let them know (about the threats) in case anything happens to me. I think they were just idle threats," he said.

"I know of cases where inspectors have been obstructed from entering the premises and the owners have been charged. I

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MORE CASH FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION, CONTRACTS, TASK FORCE RECOMMENDS

School boards await money

BY MITCHELL BROWN
 Staff Writer

York Region's school boards are adding their voices to the chorus of approval greeting a much-awaited report recommending an extra \$1.8 billion for Ontario's education system.

Now, they hope the province will act on it.

On Tuesday, University of

Guelph president Mordechai Rozanski, who was appointed chairperson of the province's Education Equality Task Force in May, delivered his 33 recommendations for fixing the education funding formula.

His findings confirmed what many educators and parents have been saying since the funding formula was introduced in 1998 — the

formula, which delivered \$14 billion to schools this year, is not providing educators the funding they need to do their jobs.

"I'm convinced this is the right thing to do for our students," Mr. Rozanski said.

"I tend to agree with those who say that we cannot afford not to provide adequate funding to meet our goals for public education.

"However, we must all recognize that education is only one public priority and that taxpayers' pockets are not bottomless. Our education system must be affordable."

Among his recommendations:

- An additional \$1.8 billion for the province's schools, to be phased in over three years;
- An infusion of an undeter-

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GROOVING TO THE SANTA BEAT

Students from the DanceCentre in Stouffville performed at the annual Festival of Lights in Civic Square on Friday night. The annual event is sponsored by the downtown Stouffville Business Improvement Area.

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