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## Region wants more vaccines for children

*Province behind times, victim's doctor says*

BY LISA QUEEN  
Staff Writer

After treating a five-month-old baby Monday night who had lost her fingers and toes to meningitis, Dr. Jeffrey Weisbrot is well aware of the risks the disease poses to children.

That's why Dr. Weisbrot, of Richmond Hill's Children's Clinic, is applauding York Region officials who are calling on Queen's Park to provide free meningitis and chicken pox vaccines to all Ontario youngsters.

"I definitely endorse what the region is doing. We're definitely one of the provinces that has been behind the times on this," he said. "This all comes down to dollars and cents, let's face it."

### COSTS PARENTS \$790

Dr. Weisbrot said it now costs parents \$790 to inoculate their children against meningitis and chicken pox, which has led to a two-tier system where only the rich can afford the shots.

"It's confusing to the public. They listen to their doctor who says 'Do it,' and then the government says 'We're not paying for it,'" he added.

"And people think if the government doesn't pay for it, it's not necessary. It's pitted the medical community against the government."

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## Sharing the word



STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Grade 2 students Cassie Ferguson, 7, and Matthew Cummings, 8, sit atop some of the boxed 3,600 books collected at Summitview Public School. The books are destined for 52 First Nations communities in northern Ontario through a drive organized by Lt.-Gov. James Bartleman. Cassie gave more than 100 books and Matthew also made a sizable donation.

## Sorbara will resign: Klees

*Securities probe into company dogs finance minister*

BY JEFF MITCHELL  
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Conservative Frank Klees has vowed to keep up the pressure on Finance Minister Greg Sorbara, who has refused opposition demands he step aside to avoid a conflict of interest.

And the Oak Ridges MPP said Friday, it's just a matter of time until Mr. Sorbara, the Liberal representative for Vaughan-King-Aurora, is forced to leave his cabinet post.

"I'm going to make a prediction for you: He will resign, ultimately," Mr. Klees said.

"We're not going to let it drop. This is not going to go away. We are going to keep the pressure up."

Conservative and New Democratic Party members at Queen's Park pounced Thursday when news broke that Royal Group Technologies, a Woodbridge-based company for which Mr. Sorbara served as a director, is under investigation by the Ontario Securities Commission (OSC) and the police.

The probe is looking at dealings the company, which manufactures plastic components for the building industry, has with a Caribbean vacation resort, as well as other business practices.

The opposition claims Mr. Sorbara is in a position of conflict because the OSC reports to the finance ministry. Mr. Sorbara responded by refusing to step aside. Instead, he has assigned responsibility for the OSC

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