

## Inline skating in again

With retro music and vintage clothing currently in style, it is the perfect time for inline skating to make a comeback. The Stouffville Arena on Ninth Line will be hosting the weekly event, which kicks off Friday. It will run from 7 to 9 p.m. and costs \$2 per youth, \$3 per adult (18 and older) and offers a group rate of \$6.

### MS forum next week

The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada offers a free session for people living with MS, their families and caregivers May 13 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North on Hwy. 7 in Richmond Hill. To register or for more information, call 416-922-6065, ext. 3201, 1-800-268-7582 or e-mail at charmaine.cunningham@mssociety.ca by May 9.

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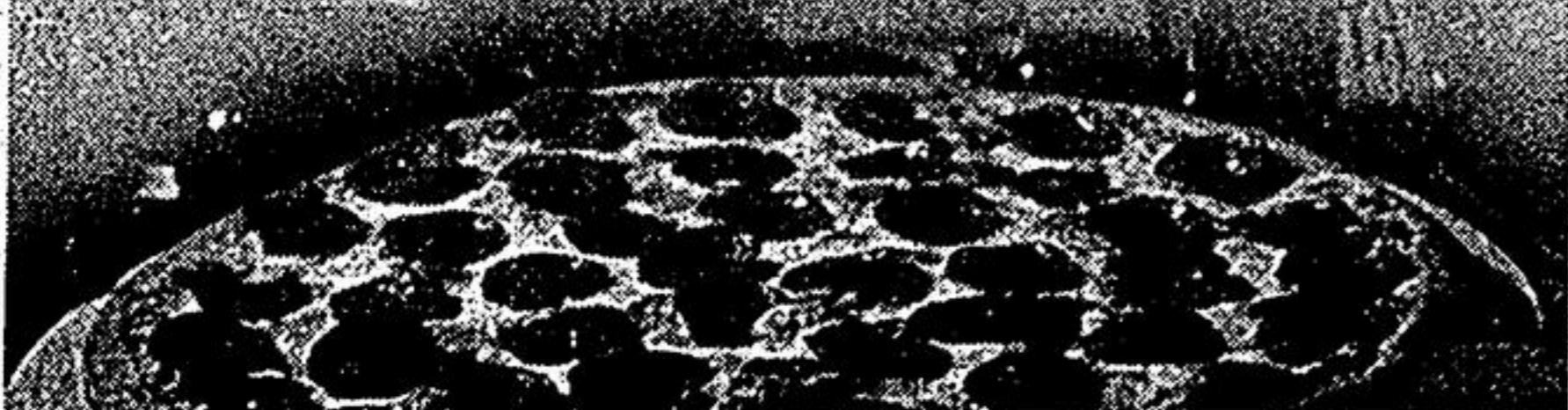
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# High school teachers back deal

## Agreement puts 80 more teachers in York schools

BY CAROLINE GRECH  
 Staff Writer

Labour troubles for York Region's public high school teachers are behind them after they voted in favour of a four-year agreement.

The Ontario Secondary Teachers Federation, District 16, representing more than 2,500 full-time and casual teachers in the region, voted 81.4 per cent in favour of the agreement.

The agreement includes caps to class sizes, salary increases and 80 more

teachers for the board next year.

"Eighty teachers is a significant number," OSSTF president Terry Price said, noting additional teachers will help reduce teacher workload and cap class sizes.

Additions to the teaching staff will also allow more support for high-risk students who may be in danger of not graduating.

Salary increases will be phased in over the four-year agreement with teachers receiving a 2-per-cent increase retroactive to 2004 and for 2005 and 2006. They will receive a 2.8-per-cent increase in 2007 and 1.4 per cent in 2008.

The new deal also includes support and mentoring for new teachers, through areas such as instructional practices, curriculum implementation assessment and evaluation of students and strategies to support at risk students and classroom management.

The quick end to the negotiations did not come as a surprise to Mr. Price.

"We worked very hard with the board to put this together," he explained.

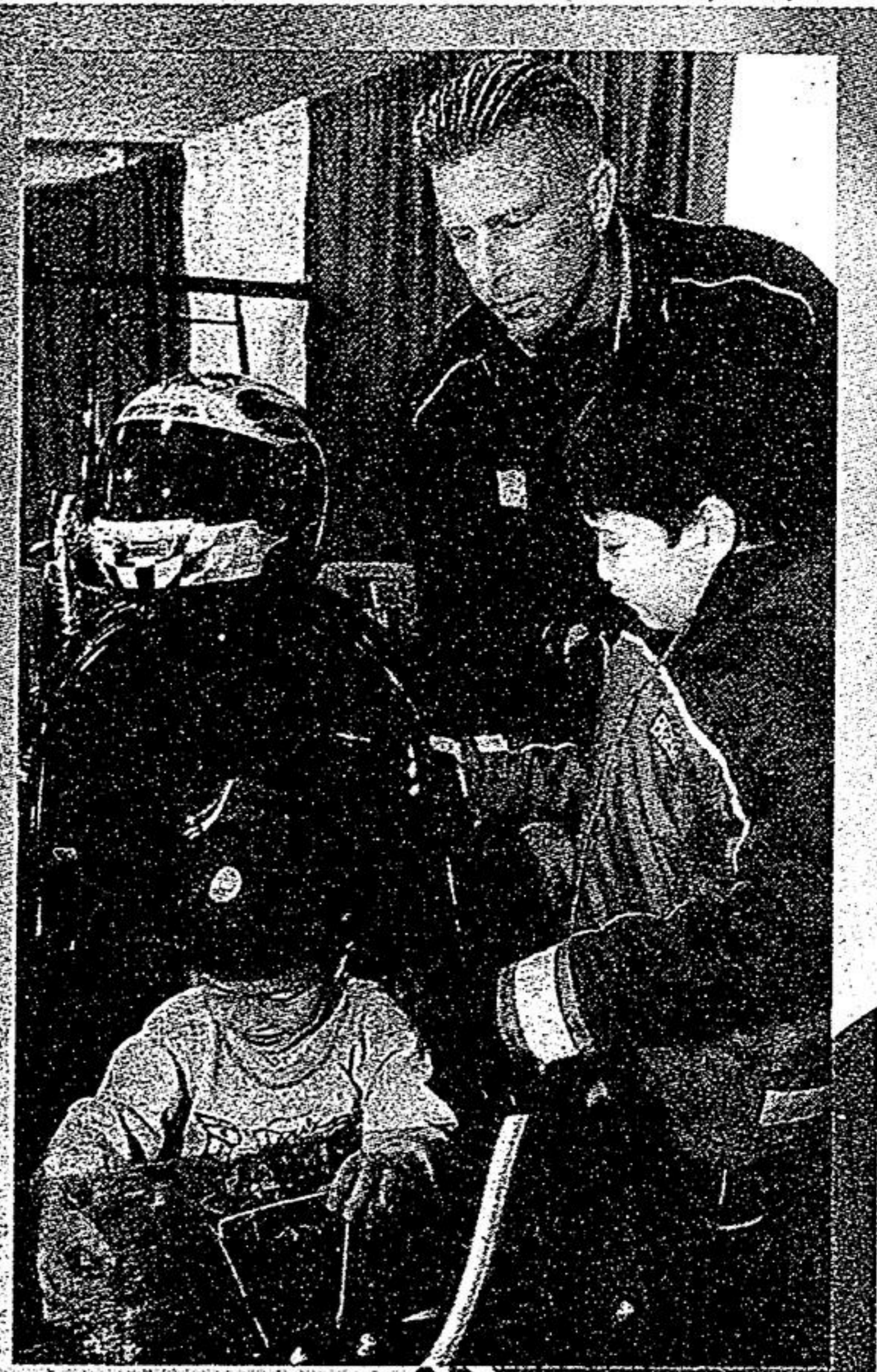
The agreement will avoid any labour disruption from teachers for the next four years.

The York District School Board is among the first in the province to reach a settlement.

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