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A Latcham Gallery patron checks out Jacquelin Heichert's The Matrix of Choice exhibit during its opening reception at the Main Street gallery Saturday. The local artist's show continues until Feb. 16. For more information, go to latchamgallery.ca

Teacher protest takes toll

Hopes of Ontario championship on line for SDSS students

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While protests by teachers and students are grabbing most of the headlines, other groups and individuals on the sidelines have been more quietly impacted by the continuing controversy over Bill 115.

Rob Paul, Pavlos Skarvelis and Tolu Odunlami thought they'd be battling for the OFFSA championships on the rugby field this year. Instead, they're battling for the right to play.

The Stouffville students, all back for a victory lap and another year of a sport they love, are among many dealing with the fallout of the teacher boycott of extracurriculars.

Education programs, such as outdoor learning centres and museums are also feeling the impact in a negative way, while private and Catholic schools have had a more positive fallout.

Protests continued yesterday with teachers marching in front of MPP offices in the late afternoon, while students provincewide wore their sports jerseys to school.

About one-third of students at Vaughan Secondary School in Thornhill sported extracurricular clothing to lament the loss of activities at school.

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