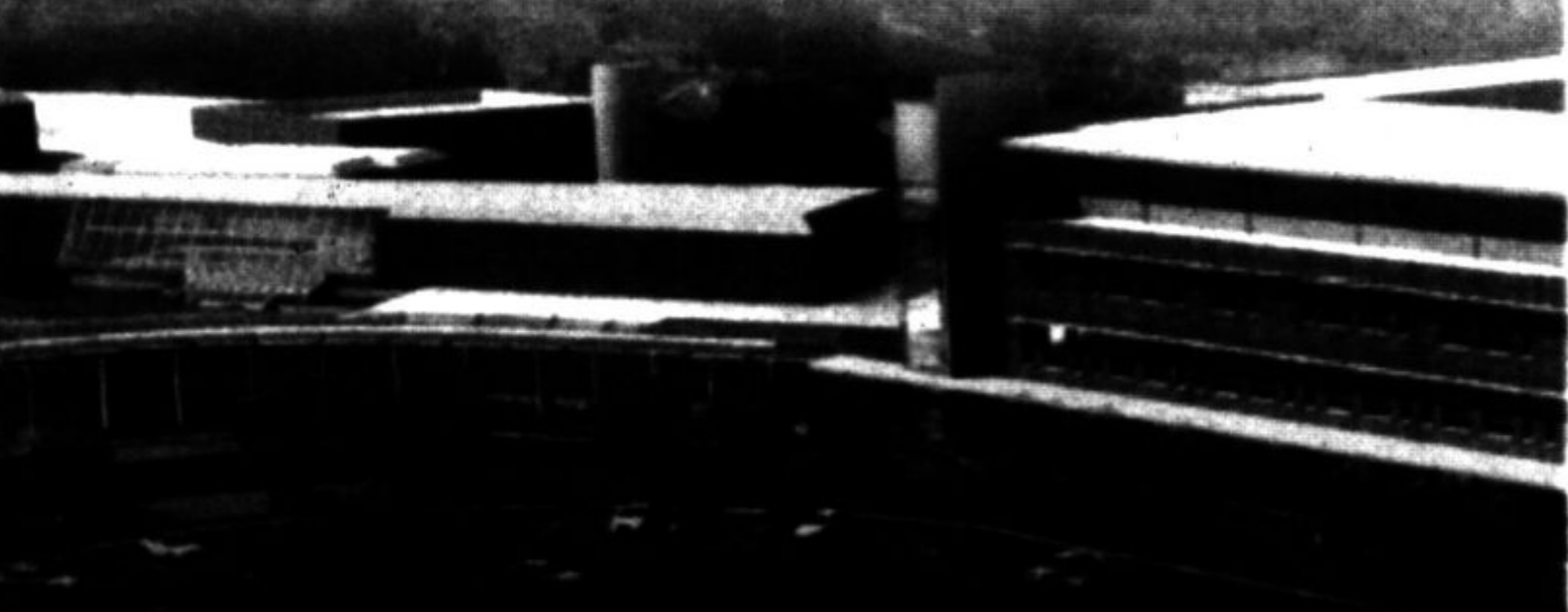


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Petition calls for end to teacher dispute

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Ontario families deserve better than what they're getting in public schools today, says a new petition aimed at teacher unions, school boards, trustees and the Education Ministry.

The York Region Parent Association is encouraging parents who are upset with the loss of extracurriculars in public schools to add their names to the petition they hope will spur a resolution to the ongoing labour dispute.

"We demand that all stakeholders in contract negotiations set aside their traditional methods and work diligently and creatively toward a resolution," the petition says, adding all parties should establish a process to avoid future labour conflict in the education sector.

The petition is one of several ideas raised at a forum last week for parents from across York Region to brainstorm solutions to the stalemate between public school teachers and the ministry, association co-founder Alick Siu of Markham said.

Students are caught in the crossfire and the loss of after-school academics, clubs, sports, EQAO preparation and more is affect-

ing their education, the parents group says. At the forum, parents said they feel victimized by the "current and recurring dysfunction in education labour negotiations and compelled to take action urging all parties to find solutions, both short and long-term", he said.

'We demand that all stakeholders in contract negotiations set aside their traditional methods and work diligently and creatively toward a resolution.'

Frustrated parents and students feel helpless, suffer loss of income, worry over children's academic progress and feel anxiety about prospects for college or university.

Mr. Siu said his group continues to receive e-mails from parents across the region and is developing further steps he hopes will lead to a resolution.

More information is available at yrgparent.ca

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