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TORONTO ELEMENTARY CATHOLIC TEACHERS PRESIDENT PRESENTS LETTER TO TRUSTEES

At the board meeting on Thursday September 10, Joan Guenther, President of the Toronto Elementary Catholic Teachers presented the following letter to the Toronto Catholic District School Board Trustees:

On behalf of the Toronto Elementary Catholic Teachers, I am writing to express our profound regret at the decision of the Toronto Catholic District School Board to lock out the Toronto Secondary teachers from their schools and worksites.

The Toronto Elementary Catholic Teachers believed that a "partial Strike" in the secondary schools would have illustrated to parents, students, school administrators and other interested parties the inherent unworkability of the staffing proposals as mandated for the secondary schools under Bill 160.

The Toronto Elementary Catholic Teachers hope that the recent announcement from the Minister will allow the parties to this dispute to engage in constructive and positive negotiations concluding with a settlement in the best interests of the entire Catholic school community. As members of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association we firmly believe that the working conditions of teachers are one and the same with the learning conditions of students.

SUNDAY PICNIC WITH THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION?

The details: Don Valley East Provincial Progressive Conservative Riding Association is holding a Community Family Picnic for Dave Johnson, Minister of Education and PC candidate in the new riding of Don Valley East. The outing will take place at the Pleasantview Community Centre Park, 545 Van Horne Ave., west of Victoria Park Ave., between Sheppard and Finch) on Sunday September 13 at 1:00 – 4:00 PM. David Caplan (Liberal) now holds this area of the new riding.

COME OUT AND LET MR. JOHNSON KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!

TEACHER SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS

Toronto Elementary Catholic Teachers are urged to support their locked-out secondary colleagues by joining school picket lines where possible and bringing refreshments to picket lines.

PARTY SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS

NDP leader, Howard Hampton and the NDP "stand with the teachers of Ontario against the Harris government and the destruction of quality of public education", says Tony Silipo, NDP Deputy Leader. "We are prepared to walk the picket lines with them to protect our schools."

For your information. Sent September 11, 1998.
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