

Peel board decrees Aloma stay shiftless

The school shift program proposed last June for Aloma Public School in Bramalea has been cancelled.

The Peel County Board of Education announced at its regular meeting last Tues-

day that the plans were cancelled because of a survey taken in the area this summer. The survey showed that anticipated growth in the area has fallen below previous expectations, with the result that Birchbank

students can be accommodated in other schools on a full-time basis.

The arrangements for a shift system were originally made because of construction slowdowns at Birchbank Public School due to the construction strike.

UNEXPECTED

Russel Barber, assistant superintendent for the board, said last week: "It seems that housing proposals for Bramalea didn't develop as we expected."

"We knew it was possible the new housing proposal wouldn't go through, but we couldn't take that chance, so we worked out the emergency shift program to be

on the safe side."

Because the houses will not go up, two other area schools, Earncliffe and Eastbourne, will not be filled to capacity. Birchbank students will be taken by bus to Earncliffe, and students from another uncompleted school, Folkstone, will attend Eastbourne.

"We are very pleased that

we could avoid a shift program here," said Mr. Barber, "and I only wish we could do the same in other parts of the county."

Nearly 10,000 students in Peel will go on shift this fall awaiting completion of schools.

The proposed Birchbank shift at Aloma School cau-

sed parents from the area to send delegations to the Peel County Board opposing the program and calling for alternatives.

It is expected that Birchbank will be completed by mid-November, and until then, Birchbank kindergarten classes will be divided between Aloma and Balmoral schools.

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Water safety program stopped

There will be no water safety program in Peel County public schools this year.

The Peel County Board of Education decided last

week that the water safety program as previously provided by Port Credit, Streetsville and Mississauga, should not be continued until the 1970 budget has been reviewed.

The water safety program has been provided for the last two years to Grade 4 students.

The Peel Board completed the program for 1968-69 when it took over in January, and funds are available for the school year until Dec., 1969. However, the board feels that to continue the course until December would commit it for the period from January, 1970 until June.

Board to update school computer

The Peel County Board of Education last week decided against the purchase of a new computer for its administration department and authorised the transfer of its present computer from T.L. Kennedy Secondary School to Mayfield Secondary School.

The board will also purchase three new components for its present system, to be housed at T.L. Kennedy.

Originally, the board considered the purchase of a new computer for Mayfield and later up-dating the 1130

Computer at T.L. Kennedy. However, it was found that it would cost about \$5,000 less to up-date the present system and move it to Mayfield.

The purchase of the new components for the 1130 Computer will add about \$31,500 to the 1970 budget, but in all subsequent years, computer service will be available for about \$16,700.

If it is found that the board processing requirements exceed the capabilities, a 1403 Model 7 computer may be substituted.

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