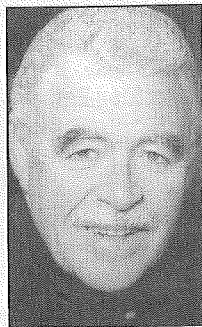


Fraser readies for battle with old Board nemesis



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Now that John Fraser has put a double knee replacement operation behind him, he's intent on running — for Parliament.

Fraser, the long-time director of education for the Peel Board of Education before his retirement in 1988, has announced he's seeking the candidacy for the Progressive Conservative Party in the federal riding of Mississauga Centre.

The 60-year-old, who spend 15 years as the top bureaucrat at Canada's largest school system, is one of several candidates considering the Tory nomination in the new riding. The nomination is

tentatively been set for April 5.

Fraser, a Tory since he was old enough to vote, says, "the government of the day has not lived up to its promises, partly because there has not been an effective Opposition to hold them accountable."

The Tories are the only national party that can provide such opposition, says Fraser.

If he wins the nomination, the sometime actor will face a familiar opponent — Carolyn Parrish, with whom he often clashed when she was a trustee on the Peel Board.

"The riding deserves responsible representation," Fraser says in explaining his reasons for seeking public office for the first time in his life.

Fraser unsuccessfully sought the appointed position of Chair of Peel Region in Dec. 1991 and has a high school named after him.