



OTTAWA-CARLETON  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## Delegation 5.1.20

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**Brief summary of issue or topic of discussion:**

Closing alternative schools and shifting to a community- focused approach can have a significant impact on students, educators, and the broader community. Alternative schools provide essential support for students who struggle in traditional settings. Their closure may make it more difficult to meet these students' unique needs in mainstream schools, potentially leading to increased mental health challenges, lower academic success, and higher rates of behavioral issues.