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## Brief summary of issue or topic of discussion:

Saving the OCDSB's Alternative School Program.

I will be speaking on the impact of being educated within an alternative school system and how it positively affected the trajectory of my life and career. And I'll be sharing my experience exploring alternative schools in Ottawa (from Waldorf, to forest schools, to the alternative schools within the public school system) and how beneficial and joyful it has been for both my kids (ages 14 and 10). I believe publicly funded alternative schools help cultivate individuals who think outside the box and are an important and necessary component to the fabric of our society.