



**Name: Miles White**

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

I will speak on the differences between Alternative Schools and traditional schools to help inform the Board, from a student's perspective from going to both, as you are making this important decision. I really want to provide a verbal delegation as our voices need to be heard by the Board.

Dear members of the OCDSB,

My name is Miles White. I am a Grade 7 student at Summit Alternative and before that I went to Lady Evelyn Alternative School for five years and Devonshire Public school for two years. I am writing to address the issue of the shutdown of all Alternative schools in Autumn of 2026. There are many negative effects this decision to shut down the Alternative program will have on the educators and students of the next generation, such as families being heavily affected and communities like FPSA being lost due to the option of shutting down the program, along with students with neurodiversity having a much more difficult time if put into the traditional program. With this choice you will cause mass uprooting of groups of people, specifically children. The entire point of the education programs is to help prepare children for life but making this decision will cause children with neurodiversity or just certain kids with other issues to lose their choice to have a more accessible way of learning. I have experienced both types of schools and in my and many others opinions it was a lot easier for me to learn and grow in the Alternative program. I believe that it would be a much smarter option to leave the program open so we can help children in the future learn and grow like me and many others who were given the choice to go to a different school and learn in a different way so that they can actually learn how to work and enjoy adulthood instead of being lost.

I hope that this submission will help you rethink your choice and think of an alternative.

Sincerely,

Miles White