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Persaud said her involvement in the Magnetics was pivotal to her musical career.

"While performing and rehearsing with the Magnetics, I experienced improvising for the first time, became familiar with the jazz repertoire and was introduced to performing live," she said. "Budget cuts that affect necessary involvement in the arts rob so many aspiring artists of the growth and support that they need to launch them to pursuing their passions."

Parents are also concerned the loss of the group will dampen the reputation of the program.

"The formidable accomplishments and accolades received by these groups have undoubtedly contributed significantly to Mayfield's current reputation as an exceptional school," said Susan Morcombe, a former student who has a son in the program and another attending next year.

"Without these programs, a big part of what makes Mayfield special ceases to exist. Even if the students weren't going to be negatively impacted by the demise of these pro-



Canadian singer and songwriter Lights with the Mayfield Magnetics.

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grams, the school certainly would be."

Susan Currie, whose daughter is a member of the Magnetics, said the class changed her daughter's life.

"She was a lonely kid who truly found herself when she auditioned for the Magnetics," Currie said. "I can barely express my heartbreak at the fact

that this decades-old choir is being cut due to the changes to class sizes."

Gail Powell, who lives in Georgetown, switched her job to part-time to be able to drive her daughter, a Grade 10 student, to Mayfield's prestigious music program.

"I am heartbroken for the kids and the educators who pour their heart and

soul into the music program over these classroom cutbacks and devastated to hear about talented teachers being laid off," she said.

Pereira said while the decision was difficult, cutting those classes will allow Mayfield to bring back courses to ensure students are able to graduate. She confirmed that

should Mayfield be able to offer the affected courses again in the future, they would absolutely do so as the school recognizes the tremendous benefit for students. She also said the Magnetics could run as a school club.

Humberview Secondary School in Bolton is currently engaged in their timetabling process, she

said. At this time, they don't anticipate "specialist high skills major" programs will be cut.

"While individual courses may be affected, the priority is to maintain program pathways," Pereira said.

How the cuts have impacted the Caledon Catholic schools hasn't been determined yet either.

Bruce Campbell, spokesperson for the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board, said they are unable to confirm at this point in the process what the impact will be to class selection, availability and overall program impacts.

He said principals will be going through the process of timetabling their schools with their new staff allocation.

"We anticipate that we will be in a better position to assess impact following the timetabling process," he said.

**STORY BEHIND THE STORY**

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