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Trustee Brenda Agnew was unsuccessful with her motion to have the Pride flag raised at Catholic schools across the region in June.

## PRIDE FLAG WON'T BE RAISED AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

### MOTION VOTED DOWN AFTER LENGTHY AND HEATED DEBATE

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The Halton Catholic District School Board will not be raising the rainbow Pride flag at its schools in June following a decision at a special meeting on Monday (April 26).

The motion that would have

resulted in the flag being raised at schools in Halton Hills and across the region was heavily amended over the course of the meeting, so by the end what was passed was a resolution for additional staff training about 2SLGBTQ+ students, raising awareness around Pride Month and mandating each school post

safe space signage.

Nicole Hotchkiss, a Grade 12 student at St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Secondary School, first proposed the idea of raising the Pride flag at the April 6 board meeting.

Hotchkiss felt the response by some trustees to the motion must be viewed as discrimina-

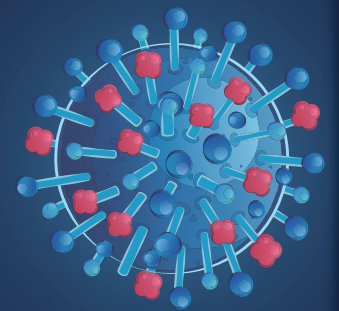
tion and not a mere difference of opinion.

"I am disappointed. I am repulsed with the extensive amendments made which gutted the original motion. At one point, (trustee Tim) O'Brien removed the entire motion in replacement of doing nothing at all," said Hotchkiss.

O'Brien made a number of

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