

# Students come together to petition board and discuss plan of action

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not end up in the hands of a subsidiary group that supported abortion.

The reality is once the money is given, it would be impossible to control and its destination not guaranteed, said Burlington trustee

ee Susan Trites.

The motion fills a void in the moral criteria of the board's guidelines and is needed for fundraising and financial transparency, said Karabela.

"To fund pro abortion groups" with donations gathered via the Catholic

school system undermines the Church and the school system," said Oakville trustee Anthony Danko. "This is such a major violation of our principles, it boggles the mind we never had a policy before today," said Danko.

The fallout from some

students was immediate.

"Our school celebrates our ability to help others and has taken pride through participating in initiatives such as WE and Relay for Life, making a significant difference," said Bishop Reding Catholic Secondary School student representative Ashwini Selvakumaran.

"I do not believe the board has reasonable grounds to impose this regulation upon our schools. We have always been taught to serve others; aiding others when they are struggling is a fundamental aspect of our Catholic values."

Fellow Bishop Reding student representative Margaret Manangan said, "We strongly believe, as students and parents of the board who account for a high percentage of the financial contributions, that we should be able to voice our opinions and have a say for where our money goes."

Manangan and Selvakumaran have partnered with students from other high schools in the region to gather signatures on a petition and to discuss a plan of action.



Ashwini Selvakumaran photo

Ashwini Selvakumaran, a student at Bishop Reding Catholic Secondary School.



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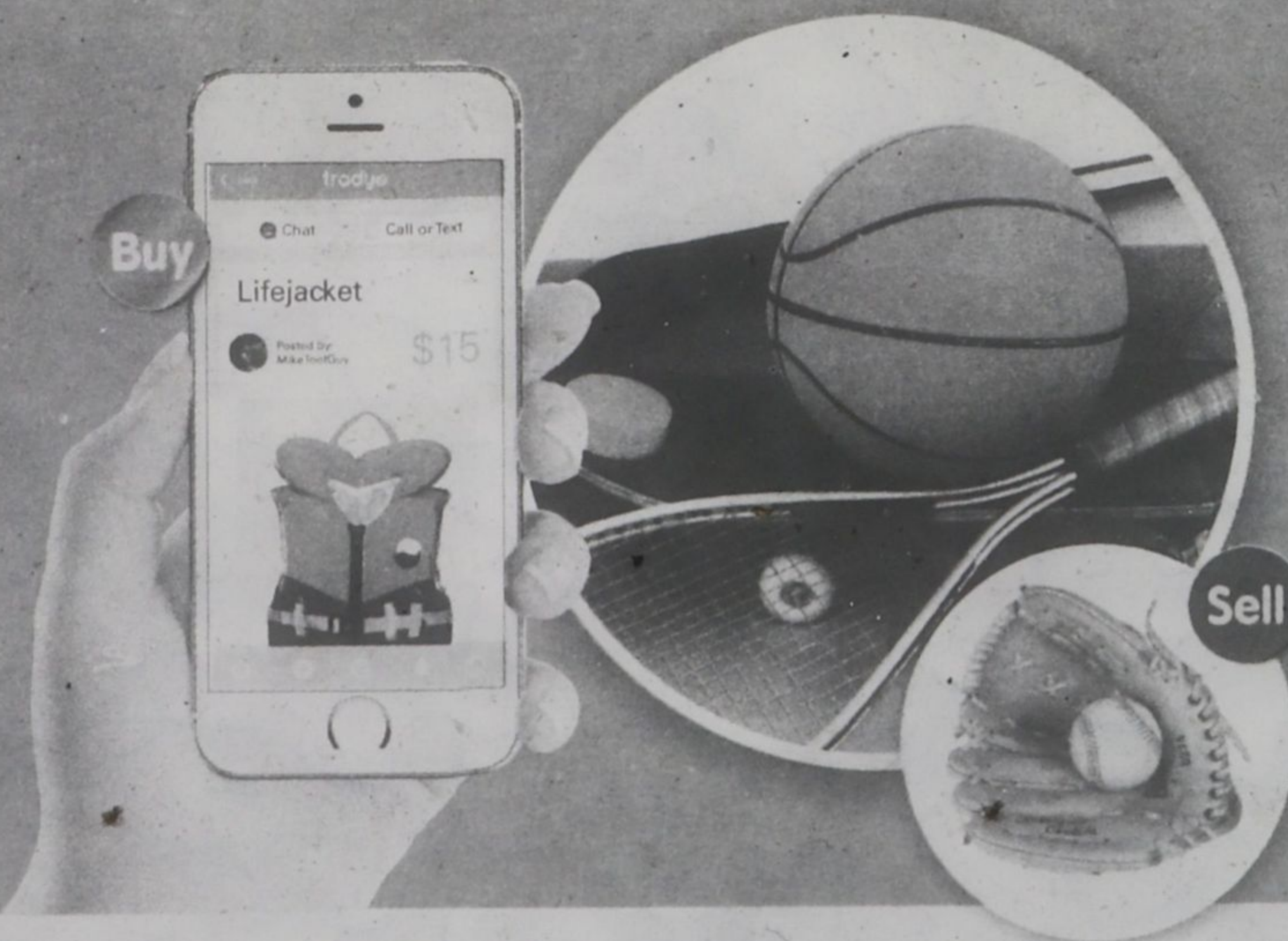
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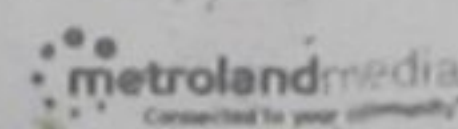
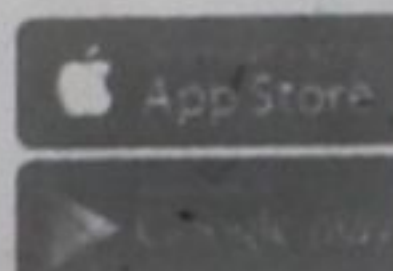


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