

Trustee Andrew says:

Government giving mixed message on school closures

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incumbent on the board to act on the (EIC) recommendations," said Ms Andrew.

"The policy of closing schools will be looked at in the very near future, probably in January."

She's hoping that the review will help draw a

line in the sand for trustees.

That means making a firm decision that schools with less than a certain capacity be closed without argument.

But the school board isn't the only body to blame for the slow-motion activity, said Ms

Andrew.

"I personally think the government is giving mixed messages," she said. "If they really want schools with excess capacity to close, they should direct that."

She also objected to a provincial requirement

that all schools be at 100 per cent capacity, saying it should be lowered to somewhere between 90 to 95 per cent.

But Mr. Chudleigh said that other Ontario boards have made the tough decisions, and Halton should be able to as well.



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