

# School arts programs being squeezed: Andrew

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Give us a little credit to help high school arts programs, trustees plan to tell local MPPs.

Curriculum changes and an 'average credit' funding formula are squeezing arts programs, Milton trustee Erica Andrew told a recent Halton District School Board meeting.

Current provincial funding "is having a great impact on arts programs, which are downplayed in the new Ontario curriculum," she said. "The only way to continue the arts is to let students take extra courses."

With the curriculum shrinking to four years, many Halton students

are handling an additional class to continue arts courses like music.

"Students use the arts to explore, express and interpret their beliefs and values," said Ms Andrew.

But it means the board traditionally exceeds the provincial funding formula's limit of 7.5 credits per student.

Trustees approved Ms Andrew's motion requesting a meeting with Halton's four MPPs to discuss having funding based on the actual credit average.

"We should also invite parents, because for some, it's a significant issue," she said.

Among those concerned was Campbellville resident Jim Harding, who spoke as a delega-

tion on the topic. "In a high school program that has a heavy emphasis on compulsory credits in the math and science areas, music has contributed to our son's overall skill development and has also supported the requirements in these academic subject areas," he said.

Mr. Harding noted music helps students develop sequencing, patterning and motor skills. The subject also relates to child-rearing and patriotism, plus math, science, history, geography and enhances school events, he said.

And the program is available to all students, said Mr. Harding. "If there were no school music classes, or they were available on a reduced level, it is doubtful all our musi-

cians would be able to afford private tutelage in the community."

He said his son studies music at Milton District High School as a ninth credit, but cannot take the extra credit next year because of funding concerns.

Few of the school's grade 9 students are continuing music studies the following year, Mr. Harding added. "If we do not find a creative way to allow more grade 10

students to take music next year, there will be no one to move on in the years to come."

M.M. Robinson students have been seeking a meeting with Burlington MPP Cam Jackson on the issue. One student's recent letter suggested if the provincial government has money for television election ads and provincial tax cuts, it can afford to spend more on education.

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