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**Closing rural school would break up one huge family, say parents**

By **RICHARD VIVIAN**  
*The Champion*

Parents presented both an emotional and factual plea to keep Percy W. Merry School open during a closure/consolidation committee meeting Thursday.

Several parents expressed great concern over having their children moved to larger schools, which, for the most part, are already over capacity.

"Everyone will agree that mass production assembly line factories using minimum quality ingredients and minimal standards of workmanship will produce a uniform, high volume product that meets minimum standards on the market. Is this where our school system is heading?" asked John Ford, who has a grandchild attending the school.

"By far, the most effective learning environment is the family unit. When you couple the incredible amount of positive interaction between all the age groups within the student body with the dedication of our teachers, Percy Merry becomes one huge family unit that welcomes and encourages each child."

One of the benefits of keeping Percy Merry open is the bounty of environmental features that surround the school, added parent Keith Baker.

"The urban encroachment on rural society, as well as the immediate proximity to nature... makes Percy Merry an ideal location for hands-on learning," he said, pointing to the school's proximity to Drumquinn park.

"The availability of an area in which life systems can be studied through direct observation is immediately available just by going out the back door."

Percy Merry would also be ideal as a holding school while residential development in Milton and north Oakville continue to explode, said parent Janet Trindor.

"Could the committee recommend that a letter be sent specifically to parents at Sam Sherratt, E.W. Foster, Post Corners and West Oak Trails to announce that parents can enroll their kids here if they prefer a small school model? Percy Merry is just a short car/bus ride away," she said.

"Creative solutions will relieve some of the overcrowding in these four schools and allow our children to remain in their home school to be educated with their friends."

The committee has also received a letter from astronaut Colonel Chris Hadfield — who attended the school as a child — asking them to keep the school open.

"Education is one of the vital gifts that we give our children. It opens their minds to the endless possibilities of the universe and it gives them the skills to pick back the edges of what we see as possible. As a Canadian growing up in rural Ontario, I was the lucky recipient of such an education, there in a country school with my peers," he wrote from Russia, where he's currently stationed.

If the school is closed, there's a concern that the children will be separated from their classmates and distributed to several different schools in Milton and north Oakville.

This concept — although no specific  
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