

Halton adult learning program named after respected educator

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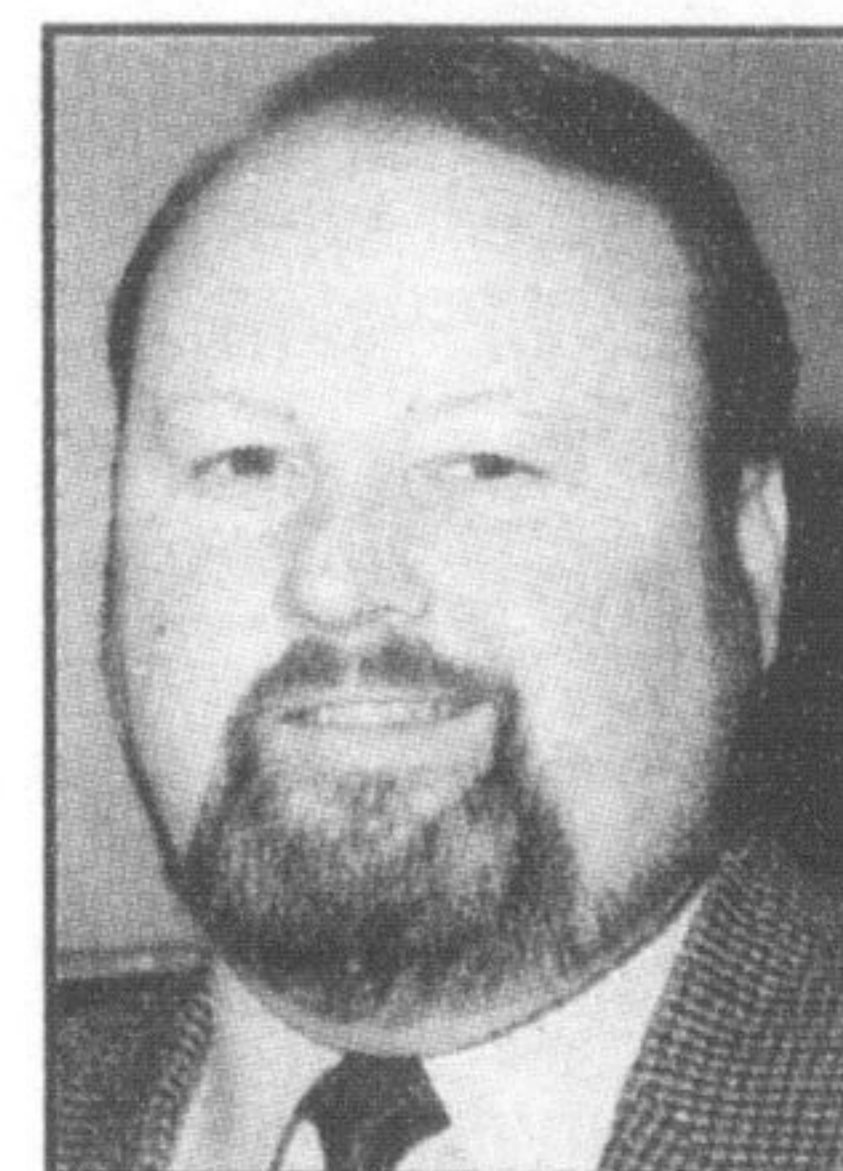
The regional public school board's adult and continuing education program has a new name.

Trustees unanimously approved the name Gary Allan High School as the new designation for the Adult, Alternative and Continuing Education program at a recent meeting.

Considered the "father" of adult and continuing education in Halton, Mr. Allan was the first head of the then-named Self-Reliant Learning Program in 1983.

The self-reliant program was designed to cater to students having difficulty in a regular classroom offering flexible timetabling with daytime, evening and weekend tutoring.

Mr. Allan, a Burlington native



Gary Allan

Brock High School was program manager of the adult high school when ill health forced him to leave the position in 1998.

Among the 27 school names forwarded by board officials to trustees for their consideration, Mr. Allan's name was the most popular, showing up in eight different forms.

Board Chair Mary Chapin, one

who attended Nelson High School, died in 2001 at age 55. The former teacher at General

of six board officials on the name selection review team, said only one name was put forth for trustees to consider because Mr. Allan's had such overwhelming support from the community.

Ballots were collected from the 16 program sites around the region offering adult, alternative and continuing education to teens and adults who have left school but have returned to pursue courses for credit toward a high school diploma.

A colleague of Mr. Allan's told trustees his friend's name is a worthy addition to the high school.

"I wish you could all have met Gary and I wish he could have been here tonight," said David Knight, credit manager for the adult education program.

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