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## Update on River Oaks School Situation

The following are the personal comments of the author:

March 15th, 1988

The Halton Board Trustees tie vote (8-8) at the March 10th, 1988 board meeting, defeating the motion to do an independent study of all Oakville High Schools has a lot of Oakville residents frustrated and angry.

Some trustees felt that the \$50,000.00 cost was a waste of tax payers money. The same trustees would rather spend \$20 million on a new Oakville Trafalgar High School.

The fact that there are sixteen trustees sitting on this board clearly indicates that there is no way of breaking a tie vote. This leads me to wonder if the views of the majority of the people are being represented fairly. Perhaps the trustees who voted against the independent study were indeed right, perhaps the \$50,000.00 would be better spend on a review of the boards process.

The defeat of an independent study has surely decided the fate of Gordon E. Perdue High School before the vote has actually gone to the Board table. I ask you is this really a democratic process?

If Gordon E. Perdue closes in June 1988 the students who live in River Oaks will be faced with severe overcrowding at White Oaks High School. White Oaks is already operating well over its functional rated capacity.

Students who live east of Trafalgar Road who currently attend Gordon E. Perdue will be transferred to White Oaks as well as the new students who will move into that area.

In the near future 65% of Oakville's High School Students will live North of the Q.E.W. Where do you think the new school should be?

In closing I would publicly like to thank Trustee Janis Millman (Ward 3 River Oaks) for her support, honesty and courage by standing up to her peers at the Halton Board table. I applaud you Janis.

Evelyn Maitland

## Join Us In The Oakville Galleries Volunteer Association

Join us and become part of art in your community. With over 100 members, the Oakville Galleries Volunteer Association operates many ongoing and special projects to support Oakville Galleries and promote art in the community.

Committees include: *Docents* - Adult school tours of special shows; *Education Committee* - Bringing art education to the Elementary Schools (English and French); *Art Rental* - Featuring shows, rentals and sales, and *The Studio* - where one may be involved in sales and buying of unique items from fine artists and artisans.

The O.G.V.A. also holds fund-raising events of wide community interest, such as the Decorator's Showcase, Pink Elephant Sale and this year's *Fabulous Fifties Party*.

The satisfaction of serving the Oakville Galleries is essentially gained by bringing art into the community through appreciation and education. Recently, the Volunteer Association funded the catalogue for The Prevailing Influence Exhibition; contributed as a patron to the Canadian-Chinese Art Exchange and is now researching and funding the purchase of a Site Specific Sculpture in Gairloch Gardens. An annual scholarship is also offered to an Oakville student continuing in the field of art.

You don't have to be a Rembrandt or an Emily Carr to be a member of The Oakville Galleries Volunteer Association. It's a learning experience - it's the enjoyment of being involved in the world of art today. JOIN US!

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