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# Frustration boils over closings

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Nine communities, countless meetings and more than a dozen schools axed.

If appealing to the purse strings and heartstrings of the Thames Valley District school board doesn't keep a school open, what's the point of trying, parents and politicians are asking.

A board decision Tuesday to close Norwich District high school in Oxford County was the most recent in a series of school closings that have come despite fierce opposition from parents and community groups.

Fifteen other schools have been closed in London and Elgin, Middlesex and Oxford counties.

Parents are 0-and-9 in their fight to get trustees to vote against administrators' recommendations to close the schools.

Meanwhile, the province has appointed a former MPP to review two of the processes.

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