

# School District Consolidation

The original nine separate Oak Creek school districts continued until the 1950s when the population boom after World War II resulted in serious overcrowding. In 1952, Milwaukee County recommended consolidation of the Oak Creek - Franklin schools with South Milwaukee. Informal meetings indicated most residents preferred to consolidate within Oak Creek, not with South Milwaukee. In 1953, residents were asked to vote for or against consolidation. The referendum passed and the Joint District 3 Oak Creek and Franklin was formed. The rest of Oak Creek and some of Franklin were served by Joint District 9. On June 15, 1959, these two districts were consolidated into Joint High School District 1. That district existed until May 10, 1982 when it was separated from the city and became the Oak Creek Franklin Joint School District. Over the years since the 1950s, new school buildings were built, and the old district buildings were closed and either demolished or put to other uses.