First School in North Gwillimbury?

A very early mention of a school in North Gwillimbury Township, can be found in a document dated February 1822. In it, a surveyor named John Edward White, originally from Ireland, requests permission from Lieutenant Governor Peregrine Maitland to erect a “temporary residence near the School in the neighbourhood of North Gwillimsboro […]” for his wife and 2 children. He goes on to specify Lot 17 in the Lake Concession. This is a stretch of land between the lake and Baseline Road, likely in the vicinity of De LaSalle Park. Mr. White’s petition was denied, as it was a Reserve lot and he had not obtained a lease.

This early map shows the lot on which the early school is mentioned. The nearest present-day roads are Baseline (to the South), Lake Drive (to the North), and four lots West of Dalton Road.