Region: Niagara
Director: Jennifer Pilzecker
Date: February 2026

Regional Report January/February 2026

1. J. Pilzecker sent ongoing communications to OAPCE representatives and school board contacts, sharing provincial updates, advocacy initiatives, and engagement opportunities for parents.
2. On **January 8**, J. Pilzecker reported at the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) meeting:
    - Current provincial initiatives
    - Opportunities for parent engagement
3. On **February 9**, J. Pilzecker communicated with OAPCE representatives information about the upcoming conference and further current engagement opportunities.
4. On **February 19,** OAPCE held a Virtual Speaker Event featuring Dr. Anne Jamieson of the Institute for Catholic Education on the theme of *Leading with Hope*. The presentation focused on parent leadership, Jubilee themes of renewal and restoration, and the ongoing responsibility of parents as faith leaders in their homes and school communities.
   A written reflection on this event can be found here:
   https://oapce.org/reflection-on-hope/

Provincial Updates

OAPCE Conference

Registration is now open for the upcoming OAPCE Conference. Parents and council representatives are encouraged to attend this important provincial gathering to connect, learn, and strengthen Catholic education leadership.

Conference details and registration information can be found here:
https://oapce.org/events/

A draft letter will be shared with regional representatives that may be used to request board funding to help subsidize the cost of attendance.

Advocacy – Letter to the Minister of Education

OAPCE recently issued an Open Letter to the Honourable Minister of Education, Paul Calandra, on behalf of parents across Ontario. The letter highlights:

- The importance of protecting publicly funded Catholic education
- The central role of parents as primary educators
- The need for continued consultation and transparency in decisions impacting Catholic families

The full letter can be read here:
https://oapce.org/an-open-letter-to-the-honourable-minister-of-education-paul-calandra/

Regional Updates / Key Points to Bring Back to Parent Councils

Please share the following at your next Parent Council meeting:

- OAPCE Newsletter (Parents4Parents)
  https://oapce.org/blog/
- Conference Registration Information
  https://oapce.org/events/
- Reflection on *Leading with Hope*
  https://oapce.org/reflection-on-hope/
- OAPCE Open Letter to the Minister of Education
  https://oapce.org/an-open-letter-to-the-honourable-minister-of-education-paul-calandra/

Please encourage parents to visit **www.oapce.org** regularly for updates, blog posts, advocacy communications, and provincial resources.

TO DO:

Please continue to:

- Read and share the OAPCE Newsletter
- Bring updates back to your local Parent Councils
- Encourage parent engagement in provincial initiatives
- Follow OAPCE on Facebook and Instagram to stay connected with timely announcements and advocacy updates

Together, as parents supporting parents, we strengthen Catholic education across Ontario.