Dear OAPCE Representatives,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Jennifer Pilzecker, and I am pleased to introduce myself as the OAPCE Director for Region 9 which includes Brant/Haldimand, Hamilton and Niagara CDSB for the 2026-2027 school year.

I am passionate about supporting Catholic education and strengthening the partnership between home, school, parish, and community. I am excited to work alongside each of you as we continue to advocate for and promote publicly funded Catholic education.

Throughout the year, my role will be to:

- Support school OAPCE representatives within our region.
- Share information, resources, and updates from OAPCE.
- Encourage communication and collaboration among school councils.
- Promote initiatives that strengthen Catholic school communities.
- Serve as a resource and point of contact for questions or concerns related to OAPCE.

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I believe that parents are a child's first educators, and that strong partnerships between families and schools contribute greatly to student success. I look forward to learning from your experiences, celebrating successes, and working together to support our students and families.

What is OAPCE

OAPCE is the voice of parents and guardians of children enrolled in the publicly funded Catholic Education in Ontario. My role as OAPCE Director is to represent you as in the HCDSB school board at the regional and provincial level of our organization.

Role of OAPCE Representatives

OAPCE liaison representatives are responsible to provide information between parent councils and OAPCE. This vital role is mandated through the Education Act in Regulation 612. OAPCE representatives are voting members that are part of the parent council. I will be forwarding information to share with your councils and hope to establish two-way communication with you to better represent you.

Please ensure you have signed up for the emails from OAPCE . Parents will have access to the Ministry of Education and Catholic parent communications, as well as surveys, resources and valuable information all of this is to be shared with your school at your Catholic Council meetings.

Scheduled Meetings
We have regional committee meetings where you can attend and connect with other OAPCE representatives from your school board. This is a platform for all the OAPCE representatives to come together to receive pertinent information regarding Catholic Education as well as being able to connect with other parents in our region. OAPCE meetings are always interesting, fun, and a great way to learn from other parents! Join us at our annual in person conference held in the spring! A day full of faith, education and fun! This is a great way to meet like minded parents not only in your region but across Ontario.

Our first meeting is: Virtual online on Monday, November 16th at 7pm
To register click here: https://oapce.org/halton/

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions, ideas, or would simply like to connect at region9@oapce.org.

I am looking forward to working with all of you and supporting our Catholic school communities throughout the year.

Together, let us continue to nurture faith, learning, and community in our Catholic schools.

Yours in Partnership,

Jennifer Pilzecker, OAPCE Director

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"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14