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Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Representative Recommendation

The PAC is a critical group of local community parents and guardians of those with children who have been found eligible for special education services and/or programs within Lake Orion Community Schools. This council serves to provide input on the educational system and to act as a conduit between the broader local population of parents and guardians and the school district.

Currently, Lake Orion requires two strong PAC representatives to serve a three-year term at the county level with Oakland County Schools. Please see below for a description of Kari, our first recommended representative, and the valuable skills she brings to this position:

Kari Spatafore is the proud parent of Blake Charron, a ninth grader at LOHS. Blake receives support from the Cognitive Impairment program with Mr. Anderson and also participates in the Unified Sports teams. Kari is an active member of the parent group at LOHS.

Kari has a professional background in mental health counseling and currently works as a licensed professional counselor in private practice. She has a background in dentistry as a former dental hygienist. Both careers have allowed her to develop valuable skills in fostering connections, building relationships, advocating for special needs programs, and working with diverse populations. Kari is deeply passionate about creating environments where everyone feels welcome, comfortable, safe, and supported. She believes that relationships grounded in equity, inclusion, and reciprocity are essential for building trust and ensuring that diverse perspectives are heard and meaningful change can occur.

Outside of her professional and parental roles, Kari is a strong advocate for self-care rituals, including binge-watching newly released drama series, getting lost in the latest crime documentary, and teaching her eight-month-old, 70-pound Bernedoodle, Vinny, to let her walk him instead of the other way around!

Kari shares that she is excited to collaborate with the school board, administration, and fellow parents within our special education community as the Lake Orion PAC representative to help our district's programs flourish and grow.

As the current Director of Special Education, it is my honor to recommend Kari Spatafore for one of the two available PAC representative positions in Lake Orion Community Schools, to serve a three-year term from January 2026 through June 2029.

Respectfully submitted,

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