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Can a 15-second "incident" that happened to an 11-year-old altar boy in his parent's bedroom a half-century ago forever change the course of his life and the trusting relationship he had with his \_two\_ fathers: his biological one and the beloved parish priest who sexually molested him?

In "My Fathers: Letters of Healing on a Quest for the Truth," Len Prazych shares his story in a series of intimate letters to his recently deceased father, while trying to learn what \_really\_ happened on a sweltering August night in 1971 in Bayonne, NJ.

Unlike salacious tales and tabloid headlines that describe multiple incidents of horrific sexual abuse at the hands of priests who preyed upon unsuspecting altar boys and other vulnerable children over years or decades, "My Fathers" is a story healing told by "one who got away," and his 50-year quest to learn the truth about his perhaps not-so-pious father and his predatory priest. Clearly and respectfully written, this profanity-free and poignant story will strike a very personal chord with survivors of abuse, their parents or guardians and anyone else impacted by the behavior of priests and their protector, the Catholic Church.

### My Fathers

By Len Prazych

This book is "Confused minds, over time create confused souls. Sad truth of silence. A must read."

*Claims Joe Ingino, Editor Publisher b.a.*

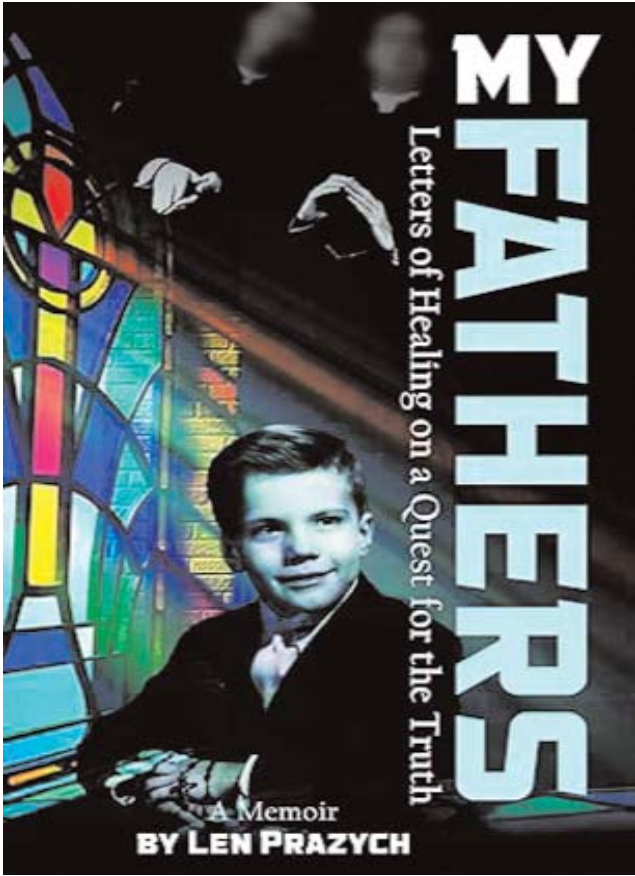
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## Ontario Opening New School in Oshawa *Maamawi iyaawag* Public School!!!

Oshawa - The newly built Maamawi iyaawag Public School will be welcoming students in September for the 2024-25 school year.

This project is a part of Ontario's ongoing efforts to build and improve local schools, with the province providing Durham District School Board with \$22.2 million to build the new school in Oshawa.

This project delivers 536 elementary spaces and 73 licensed childcare spaces for local families for the 2024-25 school year.

The investment is part of Ontario's commitment to providing about \$16 billion to support school construction, renewal and improvement over 10 years. Since 2018, the government has approved or supported the development of over 300 school-related projects including childcare, of which more than 100 are actively under construction.

"The completion of another school in our community is great news for families in

Durham," said Todd McCarthy, MPP for Durham. "This is the latest example of how our government is delivering on our promise to ensure children across Ontario receive an excellent education and reach their full potential."

Additionally, Ontario is taking action to ensure that school board capital assets are used effectively and efficiently to meet the needs of growing communities, support student learning and ensure value for taxpayer dollars.

The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023 empowers decision-makers to build modern schools faster by better utilizing school capacity, reducing barriers for school boards to facilitate agreements for schools in multi-use buildings such as condo towers, and shortening planning time through design standardization when constructing, renovating, or making additions to schools. "As a mother, I understand that the local school really is the heart of the community, and that it's so important for young



families to have a school that's close to home," said Jill Dunlop, Minister of Education. "Our government is listening to parents, which is why we took action, and we are now proud to deliver a new, state-of-the-art Maamawi iyaawag Public School for Oshawa families, along with increasing funding, staffing and a back-to-basics focus on reading, writing and math to help ensure students graduate with the fundamental skills they need to succeed."

**Highlights of the project include:**

- 536 new student spaces
- 4 new childcare rooms (73 new childcare spaces)

"Under Premier Ford's leader-

ship, we're building more state-of-the-art schools to support the needs of Ontario's students, families and growing communities. By investing in innovative and modern learning spaces, we're ensuring students have access to the quality education that will provide them with lifelong skills and education in a safe and healthy environment," said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. "These investments are one of the ways we're delivering on our promise to build Ontario, with an infrastructure budget of more than \$190 billion over the next decade." Maamawi iyaawag Public School is located on

Windfields Farm Drive W. and Wintergrace Ave. in Oshawa.

#### Quick Facts:

- Since 2018, the Ontario government has invested more than \$3.6 billion in capital construction projects in education, including 139 new schools, 109 additions and renovations to existing facilities, creating more than 98,000 student spaces and over 8,000 new licensed childcare spaces.
- For the 2024-25 school year, the ministry will provide renewal funding of approximately \$1.4 billion to school boards to revitalize and renew aged building systems and components.
- The Better Schools and

Student Outcomes Act, 2023 ensures the public education system focuses on what matters most: teaching important life-long skills such as reading, writing and math; improving accountability and transparency for parents and families; maximizing capital assets of boards to support building modern schools faster and better utilizing current school capacity.

- Ontario secured a \$13.2 billion agreement with the federal government that will lower fees for families to an average of \$10 a day for children under the age of six under the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care system.

#### Oshawa Power workers union reach agreement

Oshawa Power and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 636 have ratified a new three-year collective agreement, the utility provider announced. The collective agreement was not set to expire until February 2025 and was negotiated in advance, it said.

The new collective agreement provides union members with wage increases, as well as increases in benefits, premiums and allowances. The percentages of increases was not mentioned.

Oshawa Power and IBEW negotiations began on July 8, with meetings concluding on August 14. The contract is set to start November 1 and will run through to November 1, 2027, Oshawa Power said.

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### The Campaign for Community Renewal

This summer's new magazine project by The Campaign for Community Renewal, is an important first step toward addressing many of the challenges we all face. "The RHAP" (Rhapsody Magazine) features articles and information relating to music education, which is recognized by neuroscience researchers as an important key to creating a better future in general for everyone.

As we know, years of restrictive protocols have caused many challenges. Lockdowns have not only harmed the economy, but education also. Masking, as only one example, has been shown to adversely impact many areas of health, but its effects on brain development especially for younger students has been a special area of concern voiced by educators.

In addition to the important educational information, from a practical standpoint, The Campaign's FREE advertising spots in the new magazine, along with very low-cost ad size upgrades are making this project especially family-friendly. The magazine will also be FREE to everyone online, and the low-cost VIP memberships offer access to the special bonus features and discounts of the advertizers.

The new magazine is scheduled to begin distributing its first edition to locations throughout York and Durham Regions by mid-August. Businesses, schools, churches, and community groups are invited to promote their products, services, events, and activities. For more information on the FREE advertizing opportunities, contact The Rhapsody team directly by email at TalentCanBeTaught@gmail.com

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