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Dear Catholic Schools Families,

I am very gratified and energized to share news of yet another great performance on the New York State exams for grades three through eight.

As a result of our students' hard work and desire to succeed, along with the dedication and sacrifice of our principals, faculties and staff, our schools saw an increase in scores for the fifth consecutive year. Relative to 2018, performance in math rose 4.1 points (53.7 percent of students meeting or exceeding proficiency) and 1.4 points in English Language Arts (56.7 percent of students meeting or exceeding proficiency). These numbers outpace New York State and New York City public schools and New York City charter schools, in both raw performance and growth, demonstrating the educational value our schools are so proud to offer students. It is also important to note, every region in the archdiocese saw growth among their students, showing together, we are succeeding in our sacred mission to deliver an academically superior Catholic education to every single child in New York.

As we celebrate the academic achievements of our students, it is clear we are succeeding in our sacred mission to build a strong foundation in the teachings of Jesus. I am pleased to announce our schools saw an average passing rate of 92% on the archdiocesan final religion exam administered this past spring and continue to move upward in their scores.

None of these remarkable achievements could have been attained without the leadership of our principals, the tenacious work of our teachers and the partnership we share with our parents.

Thank you for your decision to choose Catholic education.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael J. Deegan
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