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Dear Catholic School Students and Families,

With great enthusiasm and appreciation, I write to share news of yet another system-wide increase in performance on the New York State exams for grades three through eight.

Thanks to the hard work of our principals, faculties and staff, along with your leadership as your child(ren)'s primary educator, our schools saw a significant increase in scores for the fourth consecutive year. Relative to 2017, performance in math rose 7.1 points and 6.3 points in English Language Arts. These numbers outpace New York State and New York City public schools, demonstrating the educational value our schools are so proud to offer students. Perhaps most encouragingly, every region in the archdiocese saw growth among their students, showing the benefits Catholic education can provide to every single child in New York.

Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New York have made undeniable strides in recent years in a number of areas, perhaps most significantly in the quality of instruction. From a commitment to data-driven instruction and practical benchmarks like the MAP interim assessment, to targeted professional development and coaching for principals and teachers, these results are a credit to every member of our school communities.

While your school will be releasing individual student performance reports as they become available, I hope you will share in our excitement regarding the universal growth achieved by our students. I continue to feel blessed and grateful for your partnership in Catholic education and look forward to continuing our legacy of success together.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. McNiff, Ed.D.  
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