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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Many of you may have recently seen TV commercials or billboards across New Jersey highlighting a "Wake Up Call" about concerning test score trends in NJ public schools.

It is with great joy and gratitude that I write to you to share some outstanding news about the academic achievements of our students attending our Catholic schools here in the Diocese of Metuchen. Test results show that 77% of our students are exceeding the national norms for proficiency in both Mathematics and Reading based on our testing assessments. This high level of performance is significant. What a fantastic achievement these results are for your children, you, their families, as well as our dedicated teachers and school leaders.

On a national level, The Nation's Report Card by the National Assessment of Educational Progress released national scores for fourth and eighth-grade mathematics and reading. Catholic school students in both grades surpassed public school students in both categories. These results are encouraging for our Catholic schools' students!

Our Catholic school students continue to thrive academically, spiritually, and socially, offering a hopeful and encouraging opportunity for families seeking excellence in education.

Congratulations to you and your children! This is a testament not only to their hard work but also to the exceptional, faith-filled education they receive in our Catholic schools.

Please share the good news about your child's Catholic school experience with family, friends, and neighbors so that their children can also benefit from what our schools offer. Let us continue to work together to ensure your children flourish in mind, heart, and soul.

I will keep you and your families in my prayers. Please keep me in your prayers as well.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen