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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK REPORT SIGNIFICANT RISE IN TEST SCORES *Results Extend Multiyear Upward Trend*

[MANHATTAN, October 10, 2018] – As the 2018-19 academic year begins, the [Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York](#) are proud to report their student scores on state exams have again grown significantly over the previous year in both Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA). The strong increases continue a trend in which Catholic Schools’ test scores eclipse those of New York State, New York City and most charter school averages.

Recently-released scores for 2018 from the New York State Education Department (NYSED) for grades 3-8 reflect 50 percent of students met or exceeded proficiency standards in math, and 55 percent in ELA. These levels represent a rise from 2017 of 7.1 and 6.3 percentage points in the respective disciplines.

“This fourth consecutive year of improved test scores, surpassing the gains of city and state schools, speaks volumes about our students’, principals’ and teachers’ determination to succeed,” said Dr. Timothy McNiff, Superintendent of Schools in the Archdiocese of New York. “I am proud of our schools’ accomplishments and gratified to see their hard work translate into tangible success.”

Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York have maintained this level of excellence through the support and leadership of His Eminence Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, in concert with the talented and dedicated principals and teachers in every school building. Recent enhancements to data-driven instruction, highly-focused professional development and a strong team of academic support staff continue to push the school system forward.

### ***About the Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York:***

Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York serve more than 64,000 students from Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade across 212 schools in ten counties and boroughs throughout New York, including Manhattan, the Bronx, Staten Island, Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, Ulster, Sullivan, Orange and Dutchess. Catholic schools offer a unique combination of academic and spiritual development that empowers children of all backgrounds to gain the confidence to realize their fullest potential. To learn more about the Archdiocese of New York’s Catholic schools, visit [www.catholicschoolsny.org](http://www.catholicschoolsny.org) or [www.facebook.com/CatholicSchoolsArchdioceseNewYork](http://www.facebook.com/CatholicSchoolsArchdioceseNewYork).

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