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REPORT SIGNIFICANT RISE IN TEST SCORES**

*Results Extend Multiyear Upward Trend*

*(Manhattan, August 22, 2019)* – The [Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York](http://www.catholic-schools-in-the-archdiocese-of-new-york.org) are proud to report that their student scores on state exams continue to improve, year over year in both Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA). This successful year continues a now five-year trend in which Catholic Schools’ test scores outpaced those of New York State, New York City and most charter school averages.

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) recently released test scores for 2019, and grades 3-8 show 53.7 percent of students met or exceeded proficiency standards in Mathematics, and 57.7 percent in ELA. These levels represent an increase from 2018 of 4.1 and 1.4 percentage points in the respective disciplines.

“This great news should come as no surprise to anyone following our schools’ performance in recent years. These scores are testament to the hardworking teachers and principals whose constant dedication to our students brings about these great results. What a wonderful way to begin the new school year,” said Mr. Michael J. Deegan, Interim Superintendent of Schools of the Archdiocese of New York. “Our students and their teachers should be very proud.”

Dr. Susan B. Miller, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Staff Development has been tracking the growth in Catholic schools’ test scores over the past half-decade, and she knows why that trend has been consistent.

“Our growth these past years, which has far outpaced comparable other schools, is a result of strong professional development that supported teachers in using data to individualize and personalize instruction for each of our students, with the goal of every student reaching grade level proficiency,” said Dr. Miller.

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

Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York serve more than 62,000 students from Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade across 200 schools in nine counties and boroughs throughout New York, including Manhattan, the Bronx, Staten Island, Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, Ulster, 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](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicSchoolsArchdioceseNewYork).

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