

From: The Archdiocese of New York, Office of the Superintendent of Schools

Contact: T.J. McCormack, Director of Communication and Public Relations

(646) 794-2889; TJ.McCormack@archny.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK REPORT CONTINUED EXCELLENCE IN TEST SCORES

Math Scores Soar Eleven Percentage Points While ELA Scores Hold Steady

[MANHATTAN, October 24, 2023] – As the 2023-2024 academic year begins, <u>Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York</u> are proud to report their scores on state exams in both Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA). Once again, the Catholic values-infused curriculum taught in the Archdiocese of New York has produced results that lead most schools in the state of New York.

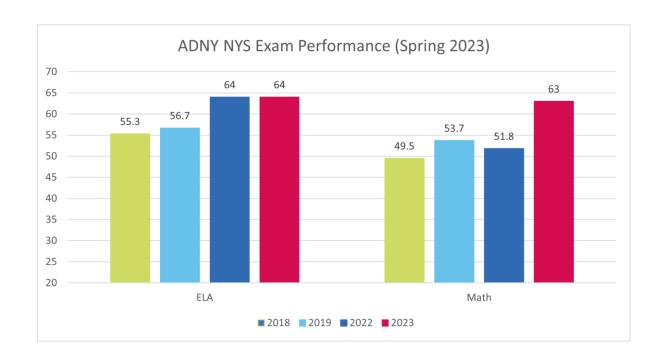
Recently released scores for 2023 from the New York State Education Department (NYSED) for grades 3-8 reflect 63% of students were proficient in math and 64% of students showed proficiency in reading. That is an $\underline{11\%}$ increase in math scores year over year.

Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York have maintained this level of excellence with the support and leadership of His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. Catholic Schools invested heavily in curriculum, student supports, professional development, technology, and social-emotional support for students and staff alike. These efforts mitigated and often eliminated the degree of learning loss experienced in school systems around the country.

"Our students gained eleven percentage points in math proficiency across our schools, not only surpassing last year's scores, but effectively leveling our proficiency levels with ELA," said Sister Mary Grace Walsh, ASCJ, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools in the Archdiocese of New York. "This is a testament to the dedication of our pastors, principals, and teachers in delivering a Christ-centered, academically excellent education. These results demonstrate that our work will continue to achieve positive outcomes and elevated expectations for all our students."

In NYC (New York City) government schools, 51.7% of all students passed reading and 49.9% passed math.

We are still welcoming admissions for the 2023-24 school year, and you can <u>click here</u> to apply for this year while space and financial aid are still available. Now is the ideal time to visit and select the right school for your child. Scholarships are available: the earlier families apply, the better their chances of receiving financial aid.



About Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York

Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York serve nearly 50,000 students from Pre-K through 12th grade across 152 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 catholicschoolsny.org or facebook.com/CatholicSchoolsArchdioceseNewYork.

###