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Statement of Sr. Mary Grace Walsh, ASCJ, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of New York, on Governor Kathy Hochul opting in to the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit Program

We are deeply grateful to Governor Kathy Hochul for officially opting New York into the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit Program. This is a meaningful step toward expanding educational opportunities for children and families throughout our state, regardless of the type of school they attend. Beginning in 2027, the program will provide a dollar-for-dollar federal tax credit for contributions to qualifying Scholarship Granting Organizations, helping to make funding available to students attending public, religious, independent, and charter schools.

These scholarships can support a wide range of educational needs, from tuition and tutoring to after-school enrichment, transportation, special education services, uniforms, books, supplies, and equipment. For families, this means greater potential access to resources that support their children's learning, growth, and success. We are especially grateful for the opportunities this program may create for Catholic school families, while recognizing its broader potential to benefit families across every school community in New York. We thank Governor Hochul for taking this important step in support of all of New York's children and their educational futures.

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