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Memorandum

To: All Parents and Guardians

From: Thomas Chadzutko, Ed.D.
Superintendent~Catholic Support Services

Re: Parent Survey from Fordham University on Catholic Education

Date: September 2019

Welcome to the 2019-2020 Academic Year!

I would like to sincerely “thank you” for the sacrifices that you make to be able to enroll your child(ren) in a Catholic Academy/Parish School within the Diocese of Brooklyn. As the primary educators of your children, we look forward to partnering with you throughout this academic year. As parents, I encourage you to participate in the life of the Catholic Academy/Parish School and the Parish. Your involvement is necessary for the continued success of Catholic education.

The *Preserving the Vision* Strategic Plan and the Academy Governance Model was introduced in 2008. Since that time, the *Preserving the Vision* Strategic Plan has been updated twice and evaluated each year with the publication of the Annual Report. The latest *Preserving the Vision* Strategic Plan covers 2017-2020. Also, the Academy Governance Model has transformed parish schools into Catholic Academies comprised of a two-tier governance model, consisting of a Board of Members and Board of Directors.

As we approach the end of the latest version of *Preserving the Vision* Strategic Plan, we believe it is necessary to evaluate the Academy Governance Model. Essential to the success of evaluation is the gathering of feedback from all constituents it serves, namely Pastors, Principals, Teachers and Parents.

To evaluate the Academy Governance Model objectively, we have engaged the Center for Catholic School Leadership and Faith-Based Education at Fordham University. Through the leadership at Fordham University, we hope to present a “White Paper on the Future of Catholic Elementary Education within the Diocese of Brooklyn” to Bishop DiMarzio in October 2019.

To that end, we need your input to evaluate, objectively, the Academy Governance Model.

To take the survey, please select CTRL on your keyboard and click on the link below:

English

https://fordham.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cI6x98t985k8TFH

Spanish

https://fordham.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6u7TPWGodj0S0Qd

Creole

https://fordham.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cTHanZPvezWwnKl

This will take you directly to the survey.

Please note that the survey will also be made available in Polish. This link will be shared the week of September 16, 2019.

Also attached for your convenience is a paper copy of the survey. Once completed you are asked to return the survey directly to:

Dr. Cristiana Ritchie-Carter
Fordham University, Center for Catholic School Leadership
113 W. 60th Street, Suite 1024,
New York, NY, 10023

This survey will be analyzed for the White Paper that will be prepared by representatives from Fordham University.

We ask that all surveys be submitted no later than September 30, 2019.

We “thank you” for your input, as we plan together for the future of Catholic Elementary Education within the Diocese of Brooklyn!