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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This year, the schools of the Diocese of Trenton will be introducing a new report card. The report cards that have been used up to this point, were introduced in 2002. As you can imagine, much has changed in the two decades since these report cards were introduced. Our students have changed, parent expectations have changed, teaching methods have changed, and methods of assessment have changed as well.

The new report cards were piloted in three of our schools during the 2023-2024 school year. Several small changes have been made as a result of that pilot program. The new report cards represent a combination of the traditional report card and a more standards-based report card. These changes have come about based on educational research and information acquired from other dioceses in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and our feeder schools.

Principals have been asked to share a guidebook which explains the new report cards with the parents/guardians of all students in our Catholic Schools. Hopefully, these report cards will fuel deeper conversations at the time that parent/teacher conferences are scheduled.

We pray that these report cards will be a positive change as we move ahead in the schools of the Diocese of Trenton.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel T. O'Connell".

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