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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Thank you for your patience regarding the delay in Terra Nova scores for the 2016-2017 school year. As you are aware, the company who publishes the test was recently purchased by Data Recognition Corporation. As the company attempted to integrate the two data systems and scoring processes, unanticipated issues were discovered, significantly delaying the reporting process. This delay impacted the schools in our diocese, as well as those in the State of New Jersey and across the nation.

This has been a most frustrating situation, as deadlines have been promised and not met. Communication from DRC has been slow, but issues are being resolved incrementally with principals being informed of each change. DRC is still working to resolve the outstanding issues.

A decision was made across the state by our (arch)diocesan superintendents and the New Jersey Department of Education to use the student scores we currently have to determine student eligibility for Chapter 192 services. This decision was made to avoid a delay in services which eligible students are entitled to receive under federal law. This is not, however, an indication that we are in a position to share score reports for all students. Many students within our diocese are still without scores.

Until these errors in reporting are corrected, schools are not able to share Home Reports with parents or guardians. It is our expectation that once the outstanding matters are resolved, student scores can be distributed.

Sincerely,

Mary D. Baier
Superintendent