



New Jersey Network of Catholic School Families

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Dear Pastors, Principals, H.S.A. Executive Board, and School Advisory Council Members,

It is with gratitude, and pleasure I announce that yesterday, the New Jersey Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee voted 8-5 to support S.1872, The Opportunity Scholarship Act, which would establish a pilot tax credit scholarship program in some of New Jersey's worst performing school districts. Perth Amboy, of the Metuchen Diocese was included in the pilot districts.

The full Senate must still vote on the bill which also has the public and consistent support of Governor Chris Christie.

We are thankful, that Senator Sarlo, the chair of the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee allowed the vote despite his own personal feelings on the bill. We are especially grateful for the indefatigable prime sponsors of the legislation, Senators Kean, and Lesniak.

The legislation, OSA A-2810, is expected to move onto the Assembly Commerce and Economic Development (ACE), Committee, which is scheduled to meet on February 3rd, 2011.

Please continue your appeal to local legislators, on behalf of the OSA.

ALL the children and families of New Jersey scored a win yesterday!

Thank you,
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