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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Typically at this point in the school year the Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Newark would be receiving the results from March 2017 TerraNova testing of students in Grades 2 through 8.

We have been informed by Data Recognition Corporation (DRC), the company responsible for TerraNova scoring, that there will be a substantial delay in the preparation and delivery of TerraNova score reports.

The reason given by DRC for this delay is the transition from one scoring platform to another as part of DRC's June 2015 acquisition of CTB, the publisher of TerraNova assessments. Unfortunately, the timing of this transition coincided with our testing window.

Schools were scheduled to receive TerraNova score reports during the first week of May. We were initially told to expect a delay of about two weeks. DRC informed us on May 17th that TerraNova scores will not be available until the week of June 12th and Home Reports will not be delivered to schools until shortly after that date. We are currently in conversation with DRC in an attempt to expedite the processing and the delivery of TerraNova results. It is our hope that TerraNova Home Reports will be delivered to your child's school and sent home before the last day of school. If not, principals have been advised to distribute the Home Reports to parents as soon as possible after they are delivered to the school.

We apologize for the concern and inconvenience caused by this delay. In our many years of working with CTB for our standardized testing program we never encountered a problem with the timely delivery of score reports. DRC assures us that the current delay is a one-time occurrence caused by the updating of their scoring process and platform. It is our expectation that moving forward the processing and delivery of TerraNova score reports will be improved due to this platform upgrade.

Sincerely,

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