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-Defining the Future-Leadership for Learning

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Introduction Jim Gallagher

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Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Erie

A year's worth of growth?

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Significant Accomplishments

- Implemented the Diocesan School-Level Planning Process
- Moved toward a Diocesan-wide Middle States Accreditation
- Began overhauling the Catholic Schools Policy Manual
- Offered a Graduate Level Curriculum Class focused on the new theology curriculum
 - Created the Excellence in Catholic Education Grant



Significant Accomplishments (cont.)

- Provided enhanced support and training for new principals
- Provided customized support for Parish- Based Schools in marketing and school identity
- Responded to a Pastor's request for administrative support and oversight at a struggling school
- Witnessed the launch of Erie Catholic and Mother Teresa Academy



Significant Accomplishments (cont.)

- Launched the Catholic School Principal Candidate Program
- Funded and implemented a study to explore regionalizing education in Venango County
- Solicited survey feedback from
 - Frontline employees
 - Advancement employees
 - Board representatives



Professional Development

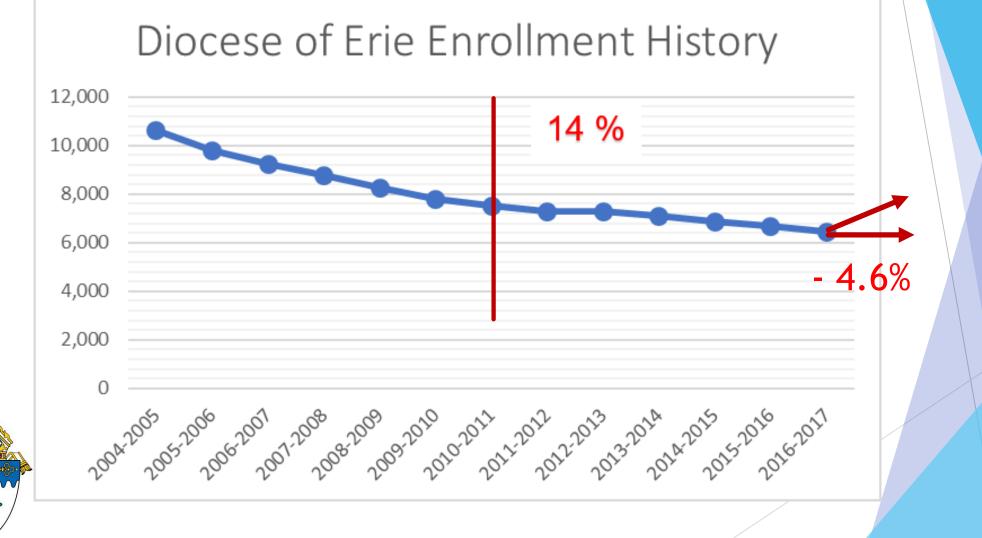






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Key National Research











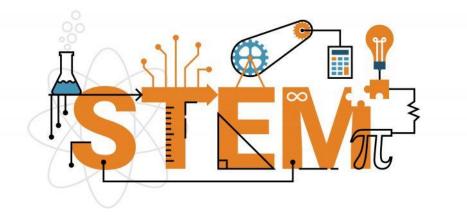
Key National Research





- Parents today are savvy, informed customers
- They want their children to be well positioned for success
- They often have competitive set of schools from which to choose
- Parents rely on social networks (in person and online) to evaluate schools
- They want academic diagnostics and interactions with administrators and teachers

Key National Research



- Catholic schools are generally failing to make the grade with parents today, including with Catholic families
- Parents perceive that there is too much religious instruction and not enough focus on critical academic areas
- Parents believe that Catholic schools do not offer robust modern programs such as STEM



Key National Research





- While religious instruction remains important to parents, it does not drive their choice of schools
- Parents want a school that provides a good balance
- They want a diverse learning environment that encourages critical thinking to be competitive in the job market
- They do not want to sacrifice Catholic identity or mission

What does this mean for us?



http://paschoolperformance.org/



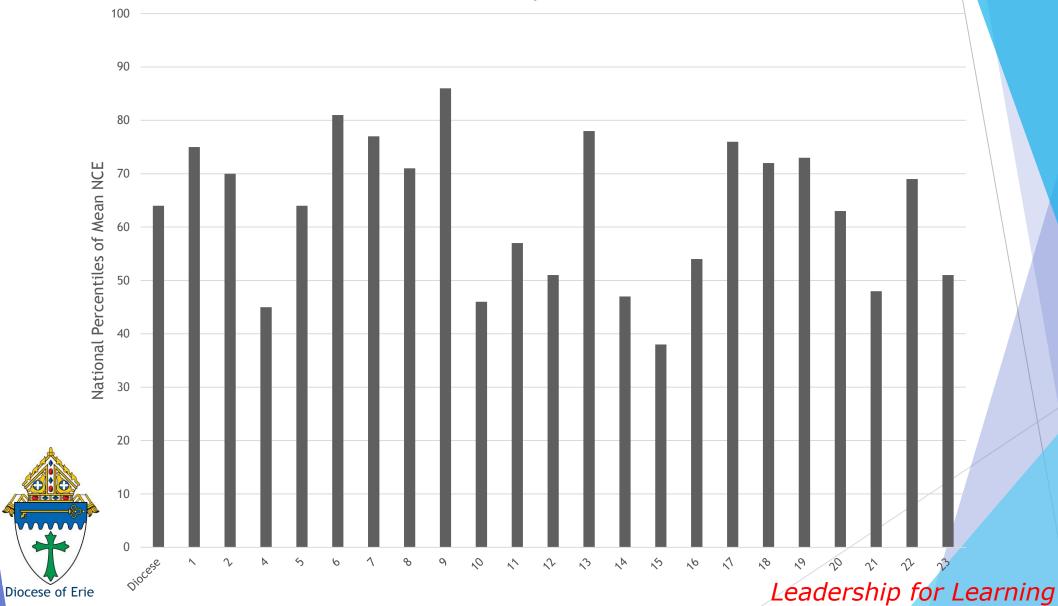
What does our data say?



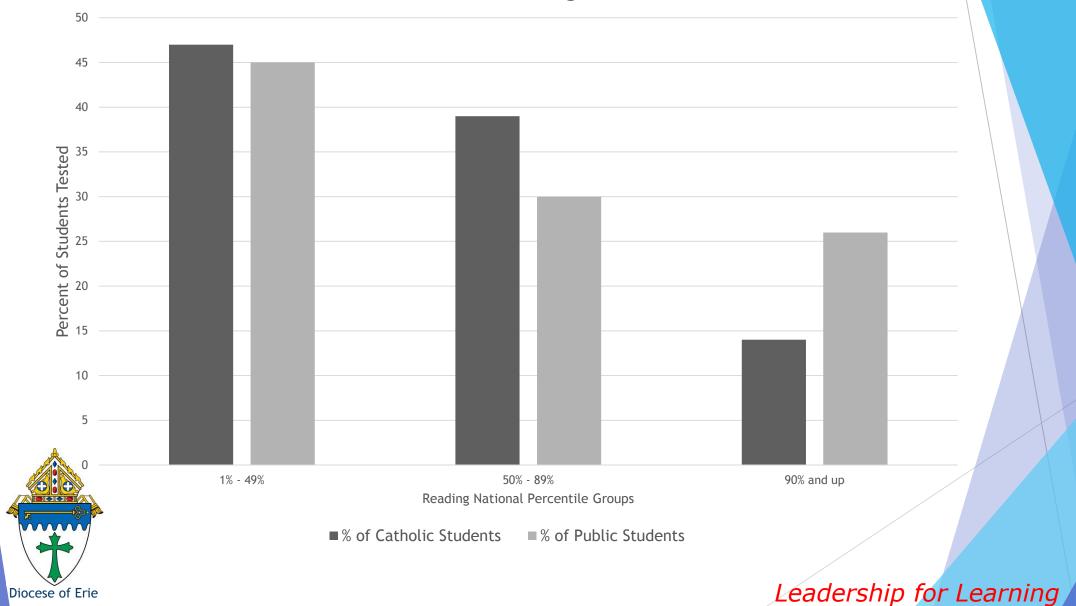
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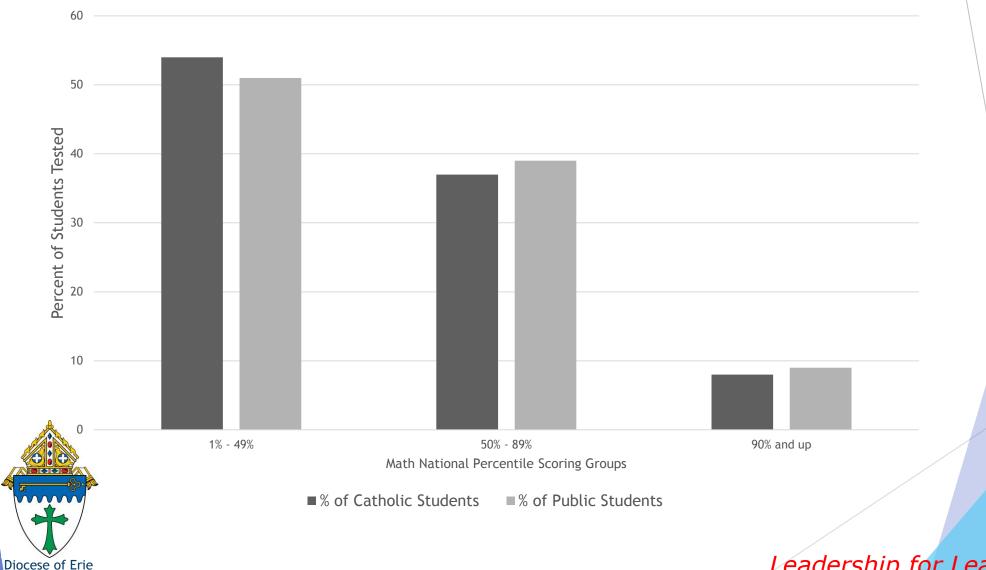
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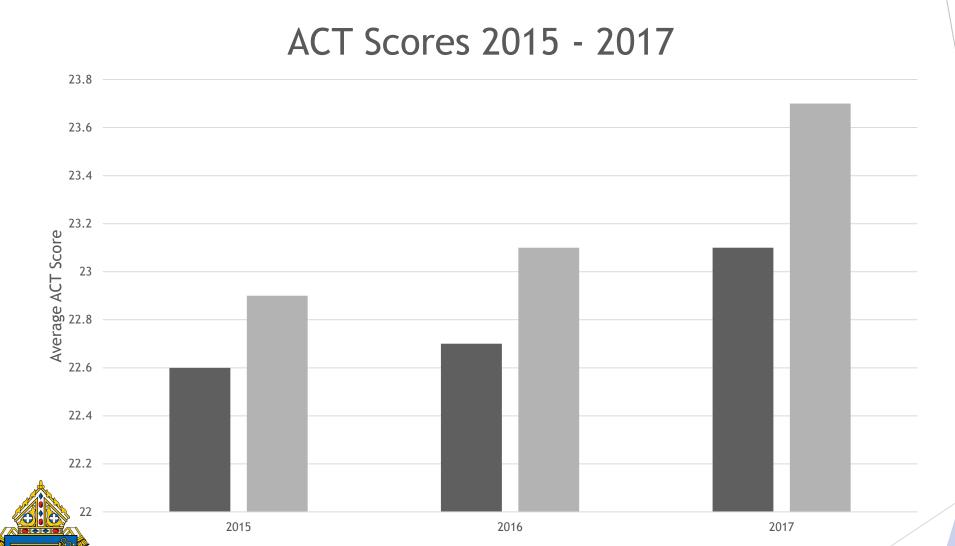
Freshmen Placement Reading Test 2016/2017



Freshmen Placement Math Test 2016/2017



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Composite District Composite State

Instructional Conversations



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Gary Sanders -Impact of Teacher Effectiveness On Student Achievement

... the results of this study well document that the most important factor affecting student learning is the teacher. In addition, the results show wide variation in effectiveness among teachers. The immediate and clear implication of this finding is that seemingly more can be done to improve education by improving the effectiveness of teachers than by any other single factor.



Referenced in *Linking Teacher Evaluation and Student Learning* by Pamela D. Tucker and James H. Stronge





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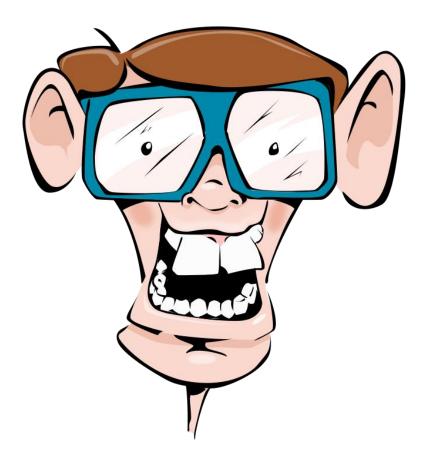
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Good Teaching Kim Lytle

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What does good teaching look like?





Identify critical aspects of good teaching that have the greatest effect on student achievement.

Prioritize five to eight critical aspects to create a diocesan focus.



Middle School Biology Class



Top critical aspects of good teaching:



Time to vote:

Go to live.voxvote.com Enter in code: 65200

- Select top five to eight aspects of effective instruction.
- Submit



Diocesan Focus



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Professional Networking



DAILY WRAP-UP



