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CITY SCHOOLS GROWING, SUBURBAN SCHOOLS STABILIZING

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Catholic elementary school enrollment in the City of Chicago is growing for the second consecutive year. With a total increase of 650 students, the past two years' results represent the first positive movement in the City's enrollment since 1965.

In suburban Cook and Lake Counties, student enrollment is stabilizing in many areas. For the second consecutive year, over half of the 216 elementary schools in the Archdiocese have a stable or growing student population.

This growth is happening at the preschool, kindergarten and first grade levels, which are up a combined 8% from two years ago for an improvement of 1,150 students.

Accompanying the early-grade growth is an increased percentage of families who are re-registering their children - now at a rate of 97.7%, up from 95.4% two years ago.

As the largest school system in the nation, our goal remains more students in great Catholic schools, doing what we do best in service to families and the future of our world and church.

"The story of our Catholic schools is, at its core, about life. The life of kids and families. The life of the Church who loves them. The life of more kids in great Catholic schools who can redefine the world."
-Sr. Mary Paul McCaughey, O.P.,
Superintendent

Catholic High School Placement Test,
Saturday, January 14, 8 am

Catholic Schools Week,
January 29 - February 4

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