



Diocese of Charlotte

Office of Catholic Schools

Linda L. Cherry
Superintendent of Schools

January 8, 2007

Dear Parents, Guardians and Care Givers,

In an effort to better serve our families with special-needs children, the Diocese of Charlotte and the Catholic Schools Office formed a Special Needs School Committee. This committee is composed of parents and community and educational leaders. The committee researched successful programs around the nation and is encouraged by the accomplishments of those programs.

As a result of the committee's initial study we are undertaking a pilot program to address the educational needs of the mentally-disabled student population. The pilot will begin in Charlotte with expectations of expansion throughout the Diocese once the program has been instituted and judged effective.

The next step in the process will be to determine the scope of the need within the Charlotte area. A survey is available on-line at www.charlottediocese.org/programs/services.html. If you have a child with special needs we ask you to complete the survey and return it by January 29, 2007. One survey should be completed for each child. The survey can be completed on line or a copy printed off and mailed to the Catholic Schools Office. Information on the mailing address is also on line.

Thank you for sharing your information and participating in the survey. We will continue to keep you updated on the progress of the committee and the pilot program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda L. Cherry".

Mrs. Linda L. Cherry
Superintendent of Schools
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