



# DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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*Office of the  
Superintendent*

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Dear School Parents and Guardians,

We are pleased to announce that beginning July 1, 2017 the schools in the Diocese of Rockville Centre will be participating in the AdvancED Accreditation network.

AdvancED presently works with more than 32,000 educational institutions in 72 countries. All services and resources provided by this organization are supported by educational research and best practices.

Our schools had previously been accredited by Middle States. In July, AdvancED will replace Middle States and their accreditation will be transferred.

This change will initiate an ongoing and continuous journey of self reflection and self improvement. AdvancED will involve all stakeholders through surveys, inventories and diagnostics designed to identify our strengths and provide focus for areas in need of growth.

A particular area of importance is the area of reflection which enables us to incorporate, as well as emphasize, our Catholic identity.

At the end of school in June, all references to Middle States Accreditation will be removed and replaced with the new logos and symbols of AdvancED.

For more information about AdvancED, we invite you to visit their website at, [www.advanc-ed.org](http://www.advanc-ed.org) to learn more about this organization; its mission and commitment to create opportunities for every learner.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kathleen Walsh  
Superintendent of Schools  
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