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**From:** Dr. Joseph Majchrowicz, Superintendent of Catholic Schools

**TO:** Diocese of Gary Schools

**Date:** April 28, 2023

**Re:** **Historic Day for Indiana families!**

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We are thrilled to share the news that Indiana House Bill 1001 was passed by state legislators, allowing for a transformational expansion of the Indiana Choice Scholarship Program (also known as the school voucher program)!

This incredible expansion introduces a number of changes that make the program even more accessible to Indiana families. This includes:

- Eliminating the pathway requirement for eligibility
- Including kindergarten as an eligible grade level
- Raising the income ceiling to 400% of the amount required for a student to qualify for the federal free or reduced-price lunch program. For example, a family of four making up to \$220,000 a year would be eligible.

Ultimately, these changes mean that 99% of Northwest Indiana families qualify for **FREE TUITION** at most Catholic elementary schools in the Region, and drastically reduced tuition at local Catholic high schools.

The application period for the 2023-2024 school year is currently open through September 1st, and we encourage you to visit [NWChoiceScholar.org](http://NWChoiceScholar.org) to see how much your family qualifies for if you are not already taking advantage of this opportunity. We also ask that you please share this information of this incredible opportunity with your networks and other families who may be considering a Catholic education.

