



# CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

New York State requires all of the schools in the state to provide certain mandated services (taking attendance, completing statistical forms, offering state testing, etc.). The state compensates the Catholic schools for providing these services to the state. There has been an ongoing battle between the State Education Department and the State Legislature and how the compensation is calculated (the legislature is in our favor while the department is not).

The difference for the calculation for Mandated Services can greatly reduce the school's Mandated Services reimbursement. Both the Senate and Assembly passed new legislation extending their earlier directive to SED to include language that clarifies that in addition to instructional hours, schools may also use just instructional days, as the work year. It is my understanding that the bill is now on the Governor's desk and we need to have him sign it, NOW.

Please email or call the Governor's office and request that he sign S.6089, "Relates to the calculation of nonpublic schools' eligibility to receive aid."

<http://www.governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form>

This bill is extremely important for Catholic Schools. Please have as many as you can to do likewise, as soon as possible!

Sincerely yours,

Bro. Joseph Bellizzi, S.M. '78  
Principal

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