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TO: Chairpersons and Directors of Education
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FROM: Nick Milanetti, Executive Director

SUBJECT: **Catholic Education Week – May 6 – May 11, 2018**
“Catholic Education: *Renewing the Promise*”

*“For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away,
everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” Acts 2:39*

As we approach the Advent season, we are reminded that publicly-funded Catholic education is a call to service. Regardless of our position or our responsibilities within Catholic education, our role is a call, birthed in our Baptism to bring the saving message of Jesus Christ into the lives of those students whom it is our privilege to serve. This reality elevates our duties and responsibilities to another plane. Left to our own strengths and abilities, the task seems and is very challenging, but we are not alone in this task. Jesus promised us the abiding strength of the Holy Spirit to be with us always – not just for a century or two at the church’s beginning, but always. But the promise is predicated on our faithful and faith-filled response to that call to service following the example of Jesus who said, “I am in the midst of you as one who serves.” (Luke 22:27)

This year’s Catholic Education Week theme is “*Renewing the Promise*”. Catholic Education begins on Sunday, May 6, 2018.

Attached, please find the Advance Kit for Catholic Education Week. I would like to thank our team of educators from our English and French Catholic boards for their work involved in preparing this resource.

We ask that you please forward this resource to your school and board staff, responsible for overseeing materials related to CEW 2018.

Attachment