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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Friends in Christ:

This past November the Stamford Planning Group invited families and friends of our Catholic elementary schools to *listening sessions* so that they could present the preliminary recommendations of the committee and listen to input and feedback from the community. Taking into consideration the feedback received, they finalized their proposal and made their recommendation to me. After consultation with local pastors and principals and much prayerful discernment, I am happy to announce that we are nearing the completion of the 16-month planning process for our Catholic schools in Stamford.

We are now at an important moment in shaping a vibrant future for our students. I invite you to join me at a meeting on **Wednesday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Catholic High School** as I unveil "Imagine 2020," a multi-phase vision for Catholic education in the city of Stamford. I look forward to sharing with you plans that, please God, will ensure the long-term viability and vitality of Catholic education in Stamford.

Last year many parents signed up to be part of the transitional process. In the coming weeks we will be calling on those volunteers to share their expertise as there is much work to be done to make this transition a smooth and successful one for our entire school community.

Since you may have questions or concerns as this process unfolds, the Office of the Superintendent has established a hotline for people to call to ask questions, offer thoughtful observations, or to seek clarity on the process. Please feel free to contact us at 203-209-2894.

I want to thank you for your patience, confidence and prayers during this time.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport