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ACTION ALERT

ISSUE: A-2810/S-1872, the Opportunity Scholarship Act (OSA), is in the Assembly Budget Committee awaiting a vote. If the vote occurs during the “lame duck” Legislature, the bill then could move to the both Houses of the Legislature for a full vote.

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POSITION: The New Jersey Catholic Conference and the New Jersey Network of Catholic School Families have consistently supported this legislation since its inception. The bill will no doubt have multiple amendments if it is heard in the Assembly Budget Committee, however, the current version of A-2810 (which was released by the Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee) is the version that should be used for details regarding this Action Alert. Attached is a Q & A on the legislation.

ACTION: Please enact the following steps IMMEDIATELY:

1. Call, email, or fax the Office of Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver (ph - 973-395-1166, fax - 973-395-1724, AswOliver@njleg.org.) and ask that she allow the bill to be posted in both the Assembly Budget Committee and for a full Assembly vote thereafter.
2. Call, email, or fax all members of the Assembly Budget Committee to ask that they vote favorably on the bill if it posted during the “lame duck” session.
3. Call, email, or fax all other Democratic members of the Assembly to ask for their support if the bill is posted for a full Assembly vote.

You may also use the New Jersey Catholic Conference Capwiz system
which can be accessed at:

<http://www.capwiz.com/njcathconf/home/>

PLEASE FORWARD THIS ALERT TO AS MANY INDIVIDUALS AS POSSIBLE (E.G. FAMILY, FRIENDS, ETC.) IN ORDER TO EXPLAIN THE VALUE OF THE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP ACT AND TO COUNTERACT NEGATIVE ADVERTISING BY THOSE OPPOSED TO IT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE COOPERATION.

Representing the Archdiocese of Newark, Diocese of Camden, Diocese of Metuchen,
Diocese of Paterson, Diocese of Trenton, Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic and
Our Lady of Deliverance Syriac Catholic Diocese