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Ms. Diane Pollak
Our Lady of Peace School
99 South Street
New Providence, NJ 07974

Dear Ms. Pollak,

Congratulations! After visiting with yourself, Fr. Mahon and the parish/school community representatives, reviewing the documentation prepared for discussion, and visiting the teachers and students engaged in the learning process, it gives me great pleasure to share the good news that the application of Our Lady of Peace School to become an academy is officially approved.

Sister Joan Amelia Ferruggiaro and myself found the school to be in compliance with the *Guidelines for Transitioning a School to an Academy*. Great work has been accomplished in establishing an atmosphere where academic rigor and right relationships are clearly evident. Truly the hard work of this community has created an academy where students and teachers *strive* for excellence, where they *build* up one another through encouragement and challenge, and where all *achieve* as a result of the dynamic teaching/learning interaction. As principal you have built upon the foundation of your predecessors and enhanced the excellence of educational and formational programs offered to the community. Your leadership shines through the excellent curriculum and activities program that characterize OLPS!

Sister Joan and myself commend the engagement of the School Advisory Board in nurturing and strengthening the vision and mission of Our Lady of Peace School. The Home School Association deserves kudos for providing assistance in implementing your creative and inspiring programs designed to benefit your students. We laud the efforts of Fr. Mahon who provides pastoral leadership, wholehearted presence and unwavering support for the school.

Thank you for all you have done to "touch the hearts, nurture the souls, kindle the minds and inspire the lives of the young people entrusted to your care."

God bless you always and in all ways!

Sincerely,

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