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Bravo for Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan's article (9/13). But as an alumnus of 16 years of Catholic education and a former educator in a Franciscan high school and Jesuit university, I would add to your list of causes and actions.

(1) Catholics have allowed their students to be absorbed by public schools for decades rather than organize to demand the support we have paid for with our taxes. (2) Catholic charity and philanthropy have never targeted academic excellence in elementary education. (3) Competition for Catholic dollars is fierce and protected by the traditional recipients. (4) Equity requires tuition assistance for those who cannot afford it, especially Hispanic immigrants from Central America. (5) The bishops must plan a national development effort. I remember the words of my college friend Tim Russert about his seventh grade teacher, Sister Mary Lucille: "She founded a school newspaper and appointed me editor and changed my life." His teachers, he said, taught him to read and write and tell right from wrong.

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