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Dear Families:

Every year, each public school and school district in Massachusetts receives a report card. Just as your child's report card shows how they are doing in different subjects, the school's report card is designed to show families how our school is doing in different areas. A link to our school's report card is available at <http://reportcards.doe.mass.edu/2018/07350005>

The report card includes multiple measures of a school's performance – more than just MCAS scores. It represents a new way of looking at school performance, by providing information on student achievement, teacher qualifications, student learning opportunities, and more.

Report cards are designed to be useful tools for everyone connected to our school. Families can use the information to have meaningful conversations with us about what the school is doing well and where there is room for improvement. Community and education leaders can use the information to better understand how to support students and our school.

You will notice on our report card that we are a school that has shown improvement in our ELA MCAS scores from 2017-2018 with an 11% increase in the percentage of students that received a score of exceeding and meeting expectations and that our math MCAS scores are 8% higher than the state average for students exceeding and meeting expectations. We are also a school where 99.8% of our students participate in the Arts (visual art, music and general arts) which is slightly more than 20% higher than the state average. To improve student performance in our school, we are reviewing our student growth scores in ELA and Math which are below the expected 50% growth. We have instituted an intervention block in each grade level three times a week for thirty minutes to support student growth in both ELA and math skills. We encourage you to become involved in helping us improve our school. We see parents as critical partners in the success of our students and school, and we are grateful for your continued support.

Finally, if your child attends a school that receives federal Title I funds, you also have the right to request the following information about the qualifications of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether your child's teacher is licensed in the grade levels and subject areas they teach,
- Whether your child's teacher is teaching under an emergency license or waiver,
- The college degree and major of your child's teacher, and
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you have questions about our school's report card, would like to become involved in school improvement activities, or would like to request information about the qualifications of your child's classroom teacher, please contact either me, Ms. Janda, or Mrs. Pratt, our assistant principal. . To see our district's report card or to search for other schools' report cards, visit reportcards.doe.mass.edu.

Sincerely,
Ms. Janda, Principal