

January 3, 2018

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Enclosed is a copy of your school's report card. It contains information about school and district accountability, achievement, our students and teachers, and other important measures of school performance. The first page of the report card contains important accountability information (see below).

**Accountability and Assistance Levels:* Schools and districts are placed into one of the five accountability and assistance levels (1-5), with the highest rating being Level 1 and the lowest rating being Level 5.

On the report card, you'll notice your child's school is placed into Level 2 because, in the past, they have not meet gap narrowing goals. However, due to the fact that they participated in the 2017 Next Generation MCAS tests, for this year, they have been given a **"no level"** accountability designation. In addition to accountability status, the first page of the report card shows how students in our school are performing on the MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) test. Achievement and progress information is reported for the school and is also compared to the performance of our district and the state. The second page of the report card provides information about the students and teachers in our schools as compared to the district and the state. Also included are other important measures of school performance, such as attendance, suspension rates, and high school performance.

In order to increase student performance in our school, we have implemented a new ELA curriculum (ReadyGEN) and assessment system (FastBridge) this year. We encourage you to become involved in helping us improve our school. Some of the ways you can become involved are;

- Encouraging your child's learning at home
- Attending parent-teacher meetings and other special events
- Serving as a volunteer in our school or district, (ex: school council, PTA, classroom helper)
- Encouraging other parents to be involved

Because your child attends a school that receives 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 area 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

- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals (teachers' assistants) and, if so, their qualifications

For more information about what we are doing to improve student achievement or request information about the qualifications of your child's classroom teachers, please feel free to contact me at (413) 776-1664 ext: 2007. For a full copy of this report card, or to see report cards for other schools, visit profiles.doe.mass.edu.

With regard,

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