



February 13, 2019

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

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/2018/04810550> . For families who prefer to receive a hard copy of the report card, DESE will make a printable version of the report card available this Spring 2019.

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.

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
- Excellent attendance to ensure student success
- Attending parent-teacher meetings and other special meetings
- Serving as a volunteer in our school
- Encouraging other parents to become involved

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.

For more information about what we are doing to improve student achievement or to request information about the qualifications of your child's classroom teachers, please feel free to contact me at 617.357.0900. To see our districts report card or to search for other school's report cards, visit reportcards.doe.mass.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alexandra Buckmire".

Alexandra Buckmire
Head of School