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Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to share with you a copy of our 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:

- **Accountability and Assistance Levels:** Schools and districts are placed into one of five accountability and assistance levels (1-5), with the highest rating being Level 1 and lowest rating being Level 5. Our school has been given an accountability designation of "no level" because students in our school participated in the 2017 Next-Generation MCAS tests.
- **Performance:** This shows how students in our school are performing on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests. Achievement and progress information is reported for our 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 school 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.

To improve student performance in our school and district, we have aligned our curriculum to the current Massachusetts State Frameworks, formed numerous committees and teams to improve teaching and learning, analyzed data to identify areas of need, provided time for staff to collaborate about best practice, and created common assessments. We continue to use many forms of data to drive decisions regarding curriculum and instruction, offer a variety of professional development opportunities for all staff, and hire highly qualified teachers across the district. 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 meetings
- Serving as a volunteer in our school or district
- 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 information about the qualifications of your child's classroom teachers and the paraprofessionals that work with your child through the Office of the Assistant Superintendent. Information could include 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, please contact your building principal. For a full copy of this report card, or to see report cards for other schools, you can also visit profiles.doe.mass.edu.

Sincerely,
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