

February 18, 2022

Dear Bancroft Family:

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 <https://reportcards.doe.mass.edu/2021/00090003>.

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 showing growth in the percentage of students who are exceeding expectations in ELA and we are continuing to perform above the state in ELA, math and science. To improve student performance in our school, we are now working with math coaches to refine our pedagogical approaches, focusing on the conceptual building blocks of mathematics and how these concepts build on one another. We are delving deeply into student data to understand how to support individual students across all areas of our curriculum, while also remaining focused on their social and emotional development. 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 Michelle Costa at michelle.costa@andoverma.us. To see our district's report card or to search for other schools' report cards, visit reportcards.doe.mass.edu.

Sincerely,

Michelle Costa, Principal, Bancroft Elementary School