



2018 DISTRICT & SCHOOL REPORT CARDS

April 22, 2019

Dear Families:

Every year, districts and schools in Massachusetts receive a report card. Just as your child's report card shows how they are doing in different subjects, the district and school report cards are designed to show families how our districts and schools are doing with regards to educating students. To view Westfield's district report card or to search for other schools' report cards, visit reportcards.doe.mass.edu and enter "Westfield" in the search field.

Report cards include multiple measures of the district and our schools' performance – more than just MCAS scores. They represent a new way of looking at 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 the district and our schools. Families can use the information to have meaningful conversations with us about what we are doing well and where there is room for improvement. Community and education leaders can use the information to better understand how to support our students.

Information found on these report cards is an important part of your right to know how well we are helping all students to reach proficiency goals set by the State. We are committed to the improvement of academic performance in all areas and have taken many steps towards achieving these goals. Some of the exciting work we have underway include:

- Learning Walkthroughs at all elementary and secondary sites.
- Online district benchmark assessments allowing for more efficient monitoring of student progress.
- Use of assessment data to monitor progress and differentiate instruction.
- Tiered intervention to support students in literacy and mathematics.
- Summer Program opportunities to provide targeted assistance for literacy, mathematics, and science.
- PreK-12 teacher professional development through Early Release Staff Development.

In addition, 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 district or your child's school report card, would like to become involved in district or school improvement activities, or would like to request information about the qualifications of your child's classroom teacher, please contact your child's school.

In closing, we know involving families as full partners in the education of their children is a cornerstone of successful education. We need you to be involved to help us improve district and school goals. Some of the ways you can participate are as follows:

- Encourage your child's learning at home through supporting homework, reading and monitoring the use of electronics.
- Attend parent-teacher conferences and other special school meetings.
- Serve as a volunteer in the schools or district.
- Encourage other parents to become involved.

We believe families are critical partners in the success of our students and schools, and we are grateful for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Stefan Czaporowski
Superintendent of Schools

Sincerely,

Denise Ruzala
Director of Assessment & Accountability