

CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To develop students who are competent and creative thinkers,
curious and confident learners, and compassionate citizens.

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Dear Families:

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/2023/00500017>.

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 our Student Growth Percentile (SGP) measures the amount of academic progress students made over the year, based on MCAS. It compares students' MCAS performance to other students with similar past MCAS scores. Growth is reported on a scale from 1 to 99. An average growth score between 40 and 60 means that the school is making typical progress. At JFK, the average Student Growth Percentile in English Language Arts was in the 51st percentile, suggesting that students demonstrated expected growth when compared to their peers across the commonwealth. The average Student Growth Percentile in Mathematics was in the 59th percentile, suggesting that students demonstrated high growth when compared to their peers across the commonwealth. To improve student performance in our school, we will focus on narrative writing at all grade levels, which will enhance a student's ability to recall information, make connections between different concepts, and synthesize information in new ways. 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 Sandra Watson, JFK Principal. To see our district's report card or to search for other schools' report cards, visit reportcards.doe.mass.edu.

Sincerely,

Sandra Watson, M.Ed

JFK Principal

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