

# CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Dear Canton Families and Staff,

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 district's report card is designed to show families how our district is doing in different areas. A link to our District's report card is available here: [Canton Public Schools](#).

The report card includes multiple measures of the District's performance – more than just MCAS scores. It represents a new way of looking at our performance, by providing information on student achievement, teacher qualifications, student learning opportunities, and more. Linked below, you will find a quick guide created by the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, which may be helpful when you review the reports.

**On Monday, February 5, 2024, our Principals will be sharing the school report card for each of our schools. I encourage you to review the information on your child's school.**

We have set important District goals each year to guide our work, and the District report card is one way that we measure our progress. You will notice on our report card that we achieved "Substantial Progress Toward Targets" in the accountability areas, and we are proud of this rating and our progress. Last year, we had a District student achievement goal to raise our MCAS math scores in the "meeting or exceeding" category by 3-5%. We achieved that goal with a 5.1 percent increase, and that improvement -- in addition to other solid MCAS scores -- was the foundation for a strong report.

As we move forward with our [Strategic Plan](#), we will continue focusing on our [2023-24 District goals](#) to close achievement gaps that exist for some of our selected groups. We also will ensure high quality teaching and learning experiences that are both equitable and rigorous for every student.

We are thrilled with our District's improvement, and we are thankful for the commitment and partnership of our students, educators, staff, and families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derek Folan".

Derek Folan  
Superintendent

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