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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 the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School's report card is available on our school's website and at the URL listed below:

<https://reportcards.doe.mass.edu/2022/DistrictReportcard/07550000>

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 a single school district and as a result our school and district report cards are the same. At our school we are working on improving student performance in our school, we are working on increasing our students' literacy and math proficiency and our 9th grade passing rate.

While we saw a 6% decrease in students meeting the English language arts (ELA) in the middle school, we saw a 5% increase in middle school students meeting the State benchmark in mathematics. In our high school our percentage of students meeting the State benchmark remained the same from 2021 to 2022 and we saw a 1% increase in high school students meeting the mathematics benchmark.

We have a significant number of students, 64.8%, who have complete course work in digital literacy and computer science courses compared to 36.8% of their peer across the State. We have a 10.7% discrepancy in our Grade 9 course completion rate compared to the State; however, we have instituted several credit recovery and safety nets this school year (2022-2023) to assist with closing this gap.

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 me at the telephone number listed below. To see our district's report card or to search for other schools' report cards, visit reportcards.doe.mass.edu.

Sincerely,

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