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**BCS REPORT CARD 2020**

Dear Families:

Every year, each public school and district in Massachusetts receives a report card that shows families how schools are doing in different areas. Our school's report card is available at <https://reportcards.doe.mass.edu/2020/00270010>

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 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 students and our school.

You will notice on our report card that our school is meeting or exceeding targets for most accountability measures. Overall, our school performs better than 78% of elementary and middle schools statewide. To improve student performance in our school we are providing rigorous standards-based classroom instruction, updating and revising curricula, and providing a strong foundation in technology skills to meet the demands of computer-based learning and testing. During the pandemic, we have continued to provide high-quality instruction to students via video recorded lessons, and as of January 25, 2021, through increased synchronous learning time, either in person or via live streaming. The increase in live instructional time has allowed students to have increased contact with their teachers which benefits the students' academic, 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. BCS receives federal Title I funds; therefore, you have the right to request the following information about the qualifications of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the teacher is certified in the grade levels and subject areas they teach,
- Whether the teacher teaching under an emergency license or waiver,
- What is the college degree and major of your child's teacher, and
- What are the qualifications of paraprofessionals, if your child receives services by paraprofessionals.

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. To see our district's report card or report cards of other schools, visit [reportcards.doe.mass.edu](https://reportcards.doe.mass.edu)

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jennifer L. Francisco in black ink.  
Jennifer L. Francisco, Principal