



Wareham Public Schools
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Dear Families:

Every year, public schools in Massachusetts receive a report card. The school's report card is designed to show families how your school is doing in different areas, including information on student achievement, teacher qualifications, and student learning opportunities.

A link to your school's report card is available at:

<http://reportcards.doe.mass.edu/2018/DistrictReportcard/03100000>. To see your district's report card or to search for other schools' report cards, visit <http://reportcards.doe.mass.edu>.

Wareham Public Schools has risen in the overall rankings by a significant amount. The chart below indicates the level of improvement in accountability percentages.

Wareham Public Schools Accountability Percentages (Legacy MCAS)

	% 2017	% 2018	% Points Improved
WPS	19	47	+28
WHS	27	42	+15

"An accountability percentile between 1 and 99 is reported for most schools. This number is an indication of the school's overall performance relative to other schools that administer similar assessments" (retrieved from www.doe.mass.edu, February 15, 2019).

We attribute the growth to our continued focus on improving teaching and learning, rather than test preparation to improve scores.

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: (1) Whether your child's teacher is licensed in the grade levels and subject areas they teach; (2) Whether your child's teacher is teaching under an emergency license or waiver; (3) The college degree and major of your child's teacher; and (4) Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you have questions about the report card or would like to request information about the qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s), please contact the Principal of your child's school.

We see families as critical partners in the success of our students in school and we are grateful for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Andrea Schwamb, Ed.D.
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