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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

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 Tewksbury Public Schools' report card is designed to show families how our schools are doing in different areas. The Tewksbury Public Schools' report card is available at [School and District Report Cards - Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education](#).

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 schools. Families can use the information to have meaningful conversations with us about what the schools 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 schools.

You will notice on the district's report card that Tewksbury Public Schools grades 3 through 8 out-performed the state in exceeding or meeting expectations on the 2019 MCAS in the areas of English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, and Science (grades 5 and 8). Tewksbury Memorial High School outperformed the state on the 2019 MCAS in the areas of English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, and Science. The district will continue to address the educational needs of our at risk students (low income, students with disabilities, and ESL students). The Tewksbury Public Schools' priorities are focused on providing additional support to these high needs students. The district will strive to prepare all of our students with the necessary 21st century skills they will need to compete in today's world market along with becoming valued contributors to our community. We encourage you to become involved in helping us improve our schools. We see parents as critical partners in the success of our students and schools, 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 the district or a school 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 the school principal or the Superintendent's office. To see the district report card or to search for a school report card, visit the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education website at <http://reportcards.doe.mass.edu>.

Sincerely,

*Chris Malone*

Mr. Christopher J. Malone  
Superintendent of Schools

*TPS District Strategy*

*The Tewksbury Public Schools community believes that our educational program will encompass a 21st century teaching and learning approach that promotes consistent growth among our students and staff to achieve academic, social, and emotional success for all students.*