

WHITMAN-HANSON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Whitman Middle School

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to attach a copy of our school's report card. It contains information about school and district accountability, achievement, our students and teachers, and other important measures of school performance.

The first page of the report card contains important accountability information:

- Accountability and Assistance Levels: Our school has been given an accountability designation of "no level" because students in our school participated in the 2017 Next-Generation MCAS tests.

The first page of the report card also shows how students in our school are performing on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests. Achievement and progress information is reported for our school and is also compared to the performance of our district and the state.

The second page of the report card provides information about the students and teachers in our school as compared to the district and the state. Also included are other important measures of school performance, such as attendance, suspension rates, and high school performance.

To improve student performance in our school, we are, encouraging student voice in a culture where students see the value in hard work and strive to become successful for themselves. We are also working closely with our curriculum coordinators to ensure that both lessons and assessments are aligned, meaningful and engaging. Further we work with the DESE to improve learning for all of our students. We encourage you to become involved in helping us improve our school. Some of the ways you can become involved are:

- Encouraging your child's learning at home
- Attending parent-teacher meetings and other special meetings
- Encouraging other parents to become involved

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
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications

For more information about what we are doing to improve student achievement or to request information about the qualifications of your child's classroom teachers, please feel free to contact us at 781 618-7035 For a full copy of this report card, or to see report cards for other schools, visit profiles.doe.mass.edu.

Sincerely,

George M. Ferro, Jr.

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