



WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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HANLON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Hanlon 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 our school's 2018 report card is available at <http://reportcards.doe.mass.edu/2018/03350015>.

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 a high percentage of our students are meeting or exceeding expectations in ELA, Math, and Science. Student growth measures the amount of academic progress a student made over the year, based on MCAS. It compares a student's MCAS performance to other students with similar past MCAS scores. Growth is reported on a scale from 1 to 99, with lower numbers representing lower progress and higher numbers representing higher progress. An average growth score between 40 and 60 means that the district or school is making typical progress. Hanlon's English Language Arts growth score for 2018 is 67, indicating that we experienced higher than typical growth. 37% of last year's 5th grade class exceeded expectations in ELA. Our growth in Math is 52.7, within the typical range. While these numbers are affirming, the real reward is seeing Hanlon students thrive and succeed, not just academically, but physically, socially, and emotionally as well. We are a district that is focused on continued growth and improvement and our [district goals](#) reflect our priorities. 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.

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 to search for other schools' report cards, visit <http://reportcards.doe.mass.edu/>.

Sincerely,

Sarah Cronin