

October 4, 2023

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers:

We are happy to share that copies of parent reports from last spring's MCAS testing have arrived in the district and will be mailed to you this week. Please contact your child's principal if you have any questions after reviewing your child's report.

Looking at the district's results overall, we are pleased that our students' scores continue to reflect strong learning and growth. Our curriculum leaders have already started the process of analyzing results to see which topics and skills students have learned best and where we can focus our improvement efforts. In addition, individual student scores will be considered alongside other assessment data (classroom-based assignments and tests as well as STAR assessment data in grades K - 8), when we make decisions about intervention and student support.

We are very encouraged by how well our students did when we look at the results from comparable towns and the state. Westwood's teachers, bolstered by tremendous community support, are continuing to provide top-notch instruction. We are very proud of their efforts and pleased to see the clear impact on student learning.

In closing, we want to reaffirm our view that while assessments such as MCAS provide important data about a student's progress, they do not fully represent that child's academic achievement. Similarly, MCAS results tell only one part of the story of our district -- a district where we celebrate academics, the arts, athletics, service, and social/emotional growth.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent



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