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Dear 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 report card is available at <https://reportcards.doe.mass.edu/2024/DistrictReportcard/02380000>.

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.

Our MA report card highlights Plainville's progress and achievement, particularly in math and ELA/reading. While we have observed some growth, it has not yet reached the level we aspire to. To address this, we have implemented new curricula in both subjects, aiming for continued improvement. Our efforts are now centered on individual student progress, with targeted strategies designed to support each student's growth and learning journey.

We invite you to play an active role in enhancing our school community. Families are essential partners in the success of our students and school, and we deeply appreciate your ongoing support. There are numerous ways you can contribute to our continuous improvement efforts, such as: supporting your child's learning at home by discussing their lessons; regularly checking progress and report cards; attending parent-teacher conferences and other events like open houses; staying in communication with teachers, adjustment counselors, and school staff as needed; and participating in parent groups such as school council and the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO).

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 our school's report card, please contact the building principal. To see our district's report card or to search for other schools' report cards, visit <https://reportcards.doe.mass.edu/> .

Sincerely,

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