



# HAMILTON-WENHAM

## CUTLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I'm pleased to share with you our school's report card. It contains information about teacher qualifications, student achievement, accountability, our school's performance relative to other schools, and the progress our school is making toward narrowing the proficiency gap for different groups of students.

### **Section I: Teacher Qualifications**

This section provides information about the teachers in our district as compared to the district and state.

Cutler receives Title I federal funds and you have the right to request the following information about the qualifications of your child's classroom teacher:

- 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

### **Section II: Student Achievement**

This section shows how our students are performing on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) as compared to the state.

### **Section III: Accountability and Assistance Levels**

This section contains three important pieces of information:

- **Accountability and Assistance Levels:** Schools and districts are placed into one of five accountability and assistance levels (1-5), with the highest performing in Level 1 and lowest performing in Level 5. Cutler has been placed into Level 1.
- **School Percentiles:** A school percentile between 1 and 99 is reported for most schools. This number shows the overall performance of our school relative to other schools that serve the same or similar grades. Our school percentile is 80%.

This means our school is performing higher than 80% of the elementary schools in the state.

- **Progress and Performance Index (PPI):** The PPI is a number that indicates our school's progress toward narrowing proficiency gaps, or, in other words, helping all students reach proficiency and be prepared for success after high school. Massachusetts set a goal of reducing proficiency gaps by half by 2017. For a group of students to be considered to be making sufficient progress toward narrowing proficiency gaps, it's cumulative PPI must be 75 or higher. Cutler met all targets and met gap-narrowing proficiency goals.

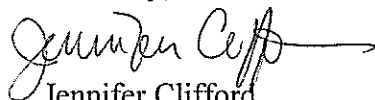
We continue to work on increasing student achievement by implementing our school improvement plan, continuing curricula alignment to the Common Core State Standards, analyzing performance data, and utilizing our Wednesday afternoons for targeted professional development.

I encourage you to become involved in helping to improve our school. Some of the ways you can become involved are:

- Encouraging and supporting your child's learning at home
- Attending parent-teacher meetings and other special meetings/events
- Serving as a volunteer in our schools or participating in district-specific activities
- Encouraging other parents or community members to become involved

For more information about what we are doing to improve student achievement, please feel free to contact me at 978-468-5330.

Sincerely,



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