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Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to enclose 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:** Schools and districts are placed into one of five accountability and assistance levels (1-5), with the highest rating being Level 1 and lowest rating being Level 5. 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 implementing the following additional strategies:

- Grade-level teaching teams will utilize a formal student data inquiry process at PLC (Professional Learning Community) meetings to look more deeply at student work and data from assessments in order to adjust Tier 1 instruction for all students, as well as identify students in need of more interventions.
- Implementing the Benchmark Assessment System in grades K-5 with fidelity, improving our ability to measure students' critical analysis of texts.
- LLI (Leveled Literacy Instruction) will continue small-group instruction in 1st - 3rd grade.
- Revising our student intervention referral process and recommendations.
- Implementing a new math curriculum, Investigations, in 3rd and 4th grade.
- Implementing a math enhancement program, using DreamBox at home, with selected 4th grade students and families. It also includes parent discussion meetings led by the Math Coach.

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
- Serving as a volunteer in our school or district
- Encouraging other parents to become involved

For more information about what we are doing to improve student achievement, please feel free to contact at diana_guzzi@newton.k12.ma.us.

For a full copy of this report card, please visit <http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/reportcard/rc.aspx?linkid=37&orgcode=02070015&fycode=2017&orgtypecode=6&>. To see report cards for other schools, visit profiles.doe.mass.edu.

Sincerely,

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