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Dear Families:

Every year in Massachusetts, each public school district and its schools receive 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.

The report card includes multiple measures of a school's performance – more than just the state's 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.

SWAMPSCOTT MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT CARD

Swampscott Middle School::https://reportc.ards.doe.mass.edu/2024/02910305

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.

We are proud of our high percentages of access to *broad and challenging coursework*, which includes many opportunities for your child to engage in computer science, technical education, and the arts. Our school, far and away, exceeds the state in access to digital literacy and computer science courses. SMS continues to perform above the state in our Math, ELA, and Science scores. Beyond that, we continue to have high attendance and low discipline rates.

Finally, since Swampscott Public Schools receive 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.

As a parent and caregiver, you are a critical partner 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, please contact the main office at 781-596-8820.

To see our district's report card or to search for other schools' report cards, visit <u>report</u> cards.doe.mass.edu.

Sincerely,

Jason Calichman

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