

Morris Elementary School

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Brenda Kelley, Principal

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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 on the Morris website at: [Morris Website Link](#)

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.

You will notice on our report card that we are meeting or exceeding set targets given to us by the state in both math and ELA. Our written response data indicates that we are above the state average, however, we continue to refine our instruction in the area of writing. This is year two of the implementation of a consistent strategy for written response. In math, we continue to focus on improving student understanding of fractions and geometry. An area of focus for Morris is continuing to improve achievement for our high needs population. In Massachusetts, "high needs" is a term to describe students who are economically disadvantaged, have disabilities or are English language learners. As always, we encourage you to become involved in helping us improve our school. We see parents as critical partners in the success of our students and school, and we are grateful for your continued support.

Finally, because Morris 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,
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you have questions about our school's report card, would like to become involved in school improvement activities, or would like to request information about the qualifications of your child's classroom teacher, please contact me at bkelley@lenoxps.org. To see our district's report card or to search for other schools' report cards, visit [Morris Report Card 2024](#).

Sincerely,

Brenda Kelley, Principal

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