

Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School

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Dear CCLCS Families,

Every year, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) creates a 'report card' for all districts across the state of Massachusetts. These reports provide information regarding the school's most recent MCAS information, student demographics, teacher qualifications, district spending and much more. <u>Any guardian interested in accessing CCLCS' report card can click this link.</u>

The report card includes multiple measures of our 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 MCAS scores provide an opportunity to dive deeper into student performance data, guiding instructional decisions that support our commitment to educating the whole child. As a charter school, we embrace both the autonomy and accountability that come with our model. We remain true to our key design elements: rich, project-based learning, strong community connections, and a teacher-led approach, ensuring that our response to data strengthens, rather than compromises, our mission.

You will notice on our report card that our student enrollment continues to grow in diversity; we are proud that inclusivity and belonging is at the core of what we do. To improve student performance in our school, we are looking at various ways to expand our student support services at both the individual and classroom levels. We encourage you to become involved in helping us improve our school. We see guardians as critical partners in the success of our students and school, and we are grateful for your continued support.

Finally, your child attends a school that receives federal Title I funds. Therefore, you 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.

We are proud of our student performance and believe that our kids will continue to grow and thrive academically this year and beyond. This data helps us to shape a more proactive and action-oriented set of goals for our academic program. We will continue to look at the data provided to us by the state as well as our own internal information to determine areas in need of improvement and to develop plans that help us to meet our academic goals.

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 Catherine O'Leary (coleary@cclcs.info). To see our district's report card or to search for other schools' report cards, visit reportcards.doe.mass.edu.

Sincerely,

Catherine O'Leary

Executive Director