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Dear Parent or Guardian:

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 here [Joseph G. Luther Elementary School Report Card](#).

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.

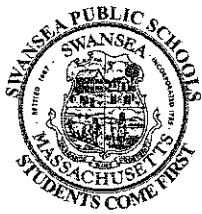
You will notice on our report card that we have made progress with ELA and science achievement. To improve student performance in our school, we are providing faculty members with additional content specific professional development, an increased focus on developing mathematics vocabulary, increasing inclusion opportunities for students, developing district-wide grade level common writing rubrics, implementing a systematic approach to teaching students to make inferences from a text, and developing additional models to help illustrate concepts in science.

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 us at any time. To see our district's report card or to search for other schools' report cards, visit [reportcards.doe.mass.edu](http://reportcards.doe.mass.edu).

Since our school 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, and
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

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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. For more information about what we are doing to improve student achievement or to request information about the qualifications of your student's classroom teachers, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Sincerely,

Sean Scanlon, Principal

cc: John Robidoux, Superintendent of Schools  
Elizabeth White, Assistant Superintendent

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