



# Cabot School

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Marilynne Smith Quarcoo  
Principal  
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Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to announce that our school “report card” for the current year is available online at **Cabot School webpage** [www.newton.k12.ma.us/cabot](http://www.newton.k12.ma.us/cabot) and the Department of Education site at [www.http://www.doe.mass.edu/nclb/reportcard/default.html?section:pfag](http://www.doe.mass.edu/nclb/reportcard/default.html?section:pfag) for questions and answers for parents. The “report card” contains important information about teacher qualifications, student achievement on Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests, and the progress we are making toward helping all students become proficient in English Language Arts and Mathematics. The information in the report card is divided into three parts.

Part I provides information about the qualifications of the teachers in our school and district. Part II summarizes how our school’s students scored in English Language Arts and Mathematics in the last two years of MCAS examinations. Part III indicates whether or not our school is on target to meet the goal of all students reaching proficiency in English language arts and mathematics by 2014, a fundamental goal of the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). In accordance with NCLB, schools that do not make sufficient progress toward this goal are identified for ‘improvement’, ‘corrective action’, or ‘restructuring’.

These findings are an important part of your right to know how well our school is helping all students to reach proficiency in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Schools receiving federal Title I funds that do not make AYP for two consecutive years must allow parents the opportunity to transfer their child to another school in the district that is performing satisfactorily. Schools that have not made AYP for three years in a row--in addition to offering parents the right to choose a new school--must also offer parents a chance to access supplemental educational services for their children. Supplemental services allow eligible children to be tutored after school or participate in classes aimed at boosting academic achievement in English language arts and mathematics. Cabot School has offered supplemental programs both during the day and before school this year as well.

We are happy to help you if you have further questions about what the report card means. Please feel free to call me directly if I can be of additional assistance to you.

Sincerely,

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