

February 10, 2021

Dear Families:

Every year, public schools and school districts in Massachusetts receive a report card from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The school's report card is designed by DESE to show families how our school is doing in different areas. A link to our school's report card is available at <https://reportcards.doe.mass.edu/2020/04820050>.

As you know, the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education did not administer spring 2020 MCAS last year due to the cancellation of state assessments and school closures related to COVID-19. Despite this, we are required to send the report, albeit that it is incomplete. The report card includes multiple measures of a school's performance. Families can use the information in the report card 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 from our report card:

- that we have made **substantial progress towards targets**,
- that **78.1% of our teachers are licensed** (even though this is not a requirement for charter schools and most of our teachers have Montessori licensing which is not part of the State's licensure system),
- that **100% of students participate in arts courses**, and
- and that River Valley Charter School spent over \$16,417 per student on our educational program.


Two years ago, River Valley Charter School received its fourth charter renewal without conditions. Part of the renewal process includes the creation of a new Accountability Plan that identifies goals and measures specific to our mission and key design elements. River Valley's new Accountability Plan has been approved by DESE and is posted on River Valley's website.

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.

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 Jonnie Lyn Evans. To see our district's report card or to search for other schools' report cards, visit [reportcards.doe.mass.edu](https://reportcards.doe.mass.edu).

You are a critical partner in your child's and school's success. We are grateful for your continued support,



Jonnie Lyn Evans, School Director