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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/2021/04820050>

As you know, River Valley students participated in the MCAS last year. Despite the disruptions that were caused from the outbreak of COVID-19, our students improved upon the 2019 testing with more RVCS students Exceeding Expectations and Meeting Expectations. River Valley students were also above the state average in both categories. 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 79.2% 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 \$15,557.00 per student on our educational program

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 www.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