



KINGSTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Kingston Intermediate School continues to work diligently to support our students' progress on the state mandated MCAS test. Based upon preliminary results the school needs to inform parents that they have the right to school choice due to the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). However there is no other grade 3-6 elementary school in district and there are no available surrounding school choice districts. The final results will be released in mid-September and highlight areas where more work is needed by principals, teachers and parents to ensure that all students are successful.

We are doing many things to improve teaching and learning in the school, including:

1. Mapping the curriculum for grade 3-6 and developing common assessments.
2. Developed an ELA and Math Lab to provide additional time and enrichment in English Language Arts and Mathematics.
3. Updated the technology available in the building through the purchase of ENO boards, document cameras, and a mobile netbook lab to support student achievement.
4. Striving to strengthen the home /school connection through our involvement with the Parent Teacher Organization, academic events and evenings, and highlighting our student's accomplishments through presentations at school committee meetings.
5. Purchased a web based online MCAS academic support program called Study Island. Students and parents can access this program from school or home if internet access is available. This program is available year round for continued student support.
6. Updating our report cards and grading process to reflect the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and recently adopted Common Core Standards.
7. Offering in district graduate courses and workshops to all our staff to support student success.
8. Providing Title I tutors, remedial reading, MCAS academic support and special education services to our eligible students.
9. Providing Title I Summer School to our eligible students.
10. Analyzing the data on students and providing targeted interventions and progress monitoring to ensure all students are learning.

Involving families as full partners in the education of their children is a cornerstone of NCLB. When families support learning, children are more successful in school and school success helps children become successful adults. We encourage you to become involved in helping us improve our school. Some of the ways you can become involved are:

- Attending parent-teacher meetings and other special meetings
- Serving as a volunteer in our school or district
- Encouraging other parents to become involved

For more information on participating in the school improvement process, contact Dr. Lisa McMahon, Principal at 781-585-0472.

Sincerely,

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