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Dear Peirce Families:

We are pleased to enclose our school "report card" for the current year. It 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: Teacher Qualifications

Part II: Student Achievement

Part III: School Accountability

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'.

Our school's 2005-06 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) report shows that the Peirce School has made AYP for the following subject areas:

1. *English Language Arts*
2. *Math*

As a result of these determinations, Peirce School is not 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. The District "report card" will soon be posted on the Newton Public Schools website (www.newtonpublicschools.com), Copies of both the school and district 'report cards' are posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway for your review.

We are happy to help you if you have further questions about what this report card means. Please feel free to call me directly if I can be of additional assistance to you. A short Question and Answer Pamphlet about NCLB Report Cards is also included with this letter.

Sincerely yours,

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