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Dear South Hadley High School Families/Caregivers:

Every year, each public school and school district in Massachusetts receives a report card. Just as your child's report card shows how they are doing in different subjects, the school's report card is designed to show families how our school is doing in different areas. A link to our school's report card is available at [02780505 - South Hadley - South Hadley High](#)

The report card includes multiple measures of a school's performance – more than just MCAS scores. It represents a new way of looking at school performance, by providing information on student achievement, teacher qualifications, student learning opportunities, and more. Report cards are designed to be useful tools for everyone connected to our school. Families can use the information 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 on our report card that we have achieved a number of significant improvement goals. For example:

- The high school has been classified as "Not requiring assistance or intervention" and has been recognized as a "School of Recognition," which is a significant achievement.
- The high school has made substantial progress, achieving 66% of our improvement targets. This demonstrates our commitment to continuous growth and development.
- The high school excelled in several areas related to high school completion:
 - The high school received perfect scores in its extended engagement rate
 - The high school achieved strong performance in its annual dropout rate
 - The high school experienced significant improvement in its four-year cohort graduation rate from 2023 to 2024
- The high school received a perfect score in progress toward attaining English language proficiency, highlighting its support for English language learners.
- The high school maintained a perfect score in addressing chronic absenteeism, showing its dedication to consistent student attendance.

The areas our school continues to focus on for further improvement are in:

- Academic Achievement: We see opportunities for growth in our English language arts, mathematics, and science achievement scores. We are committed to enhancing our instructional strategies to boost student performance in these core subjects.
- Advanced Coursework Completion: This is an area where we can make significant strides. We plan to expand our advanced course offerings and provide additional support to encourage more students to participate in and successfully complete these challenging courses.
- Growth Scores: While we've seen improvement in our growth scores from 2023 to 2024, particularly in mathematics, we aim to further enhance our students' academic growth in both English language arts and mathematics.

We encourage you to become involved in helping us improve our school. We see caregivers as critical partners in the success of our students and school, and we are grateful for your continued support. Finally, if your child attends a school that receives federal Title I funds, you also 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 your principal, Mrs. Elizabeth Wood. To see our district's report card or to search for other schools' report cards, visit reportcards.doe.mass.edu and choose South Hadley.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Wood
Principal
South Hadley High School