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The Federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) requires that schools share certain information with Parents and Guardians each year. This includes our teacher qualifications, our “MA School Report Card”, and our Accountability Status.

We were pleased with our results on the Next Generation MCAS testing in 2017-2018. Using the new performance metrics, Salem Academy Charter School students outperformed the state on all but one exam under the Next Generation and legacy MCAS accountability reports for tests taken this past spring. As a district we met 57% of our targets (75% is the goal) therefore our accountability status is “Not Requiring Assistance” As a school our Accountability Percentile is the 83rd percentile compared with other middle-high schools. Currently, we are preparing to take the MCAS this spring and will keep you informed of those dates.

Our NCLB Report card was released later than usual this year and we are happy to share the link with you. This report includes extensive details on enrollment and teacher qualifications, MCAS, and accountability measures. We were pleased to see the data included the fact that 100% of our graduates complete the MASS CORE curriculum, which has been shown to be a strong predictor of college success. It also shows that 79% of our graduates have taken at least one AP course.

There are two links available on the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education web site in the category titled “School and District Profiles.” The first is the Salem Academy Charter profile. The second is for the Salem Academy Charter School report card. Click here:

[http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/accountability/report/district.aspx?linkid=30&orgcode=04850000&orgtypecode=5& http://reportcards.doe.mass.edu/2018/DistrictReportcard/04850000?Length=8](http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/accountability/report/district.aspx?linkid=30&orgcode=04850000&orgtypecode=5&http://reportcards.doe.mass.edu/2018/DistrictReportcard/04850000?Length=8)

We are pleased also to report that 100% of Salem Academy Charter School core academic teachers meet or exceed NCLB Highly Qualified standards. In addition to this competency 70% have advanced degrees. Under the law, parents and guardians may request the following information about the qualifications of their children’s teachers:

- Whether your child’s teacher has met State qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether your child’s teacher is teaching under an emergency license or waiver through which the State qualifications or licensing criteria have been waived.
 - The baccalaureate degree major of your child’s teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field or discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

Finally, the most comprehensive report on Salem Academy Charter School is our 2017-2018 Annual Report. This report is posted on our school's web site. It is available in hard copy at the school's front desk by request. As we approach the mid-point of our 15th Year, we are proud of the school's accomplishments over the past several years and we thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Egmont". The script is cursive and fluid.

Kathy Egmont,
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Murphy". The script is cursive and fluid.

Elizabeth Murphy
One Title Director