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To: Members of the School Committee

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As I write this, the Thanksgiving holiday is approaching, than we know how quickly the next big holiday comes upon us. I hope everyone has a restful Thanksgiving and is ready to take on the next busy season!

I had the opportunity to attend a workshop presented by the State on the data system for reporting our state assessment. They taught us how to navigate through the program to get our school results, individual student results and even our high school student results. At the time of this meeting I was able to obtain our Science MEA results from the test taken in the Spring of last year. Our tentative (the State was very clear in saying these were still in draft form) results are as follows:

Grade 5: 70% of our students met or exceeded state expectations

Grade 8: 73% of our students met or exceeded state expectations

Last year I reported on the Assessment Literacy Course that 3 of our teachers, along with myself, started participating in. We have continued with this professional development and have added another member, Mark Koscuiska. PREP is offering at least 4 more sessions this year. We are continuing to develop our understanding of creating quality assessments, both formative and summative. Our charge last year was to figure out ways to share this with teachers. As we move forward, we are continuing to share this new information. We have had grade level meetings and inservice meetings in which we have shared different forms of assessments that we use within our instruction. We have discussed the importance of having clear learning targets written in I Can statements that use kid friendly language. Teachers continue to work through this in their common planning time. I continue to see many of our initiatives (ie. Focus school, standards based reporting and rti) slowly coming together cohesively as do this work.

Have a wonderful holiday with your families!