



Dear Parent:

We provide regular updates to you about your student's academic progress by sending home a Report Card. Once a year we provide you with updates on our school's achievements through the North Carolina School Report Card. This Report Card includes important information about school and student performance, class sizes, attendance, school safety, instructional resources, and teacher quality. There also is information about how our school measured against federal Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO) targets and the number of suspensions and expulsions in our school.

The North Carolina General Assembly enacted School Performance Grades for North Carolina Public schools. G.S. §115C-83.15 directs the State Board of Education to "award school achievement, growth, and performance scores and an associated performance grade as required by G.S. § 115C-12(9)c1 These school performance grades will be comprised of student achievement (80 percent) and growth (20 percent). For some schools that meet or exceed expected growth, the growth calculation would lower their letter grade. In those instances, growth is not included in the letter grade.

I have enclosed with this letter a summary of our Report Card called the Report Card Snapshot. Our school's full Report Card can be found on the NC School Report Cards' website at <http://www.ncreportcards.org>. Report Card data is available for our school, our school district, and for the state's education system as a whole. School Report Cards are provided for regular public schools, charter schools, and alternative schools that were open during the 2015-16 school year.

The numbers only tell part of the story. At our school we are proud of the following special activities that are underway such as: integration of technology in all classes, small group and hands-on instruction, and interventions provided by the classroom teachers and teacher assistants.

State and local education leaders are committed to providing parents with more information about schools. Well-informed parents who participate in their children's education and school enhance the learning environment for students and educators alike. In addition, the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) requires schools to issue Report Cards.

At North Belmont Elementary School your involvement is very important to the success of our school! I encourage you to review our Report Card carefully, then feel free to contact me directly to discuss any questions or concerns you may have regarding the Report Card. I also welcome your feedback regarding other interests you have in our school. Thank you for allowing me to share this Report Card with you and thank you for supporting our efforts to provide your child with a high-quality education.

Mr. Justin Beam
School Principal

