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Dear Parent:

Once a year the state of North Carolina provides you with updates on your school's achievements through the North Carolina School Report Card – which 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 in our school.

This is the fourth year the N.C. General Assembly is requiring that schools receive individual letter grades, which are comprised of student achievement (80 percent) and growth (20 percent) on state standardized assessments.

At Dana Elementary, we are proud to have met all of our Annual Measurable Objective target goals, and met growth expected by the state for the 2016-17 school year. We exceeded growth expectations in 3rd and 5th grade Math and 5th grade Science, and met expectations in 4th grade Reading and 5th grade Math. As a whole, our school saw increased performance in Math proficiency.

These numbers tell only part of our story. Where we truly shine is in developing future-ready students. At Dana, we focus on higher order thinking skills, culture, arts integration, project- and problem-based learning, collaboration, and helping students find and use their voices. We pride ourselves on preparing our young people to be productive members of today's society, implementing FranklinCovey's *Leader in Me* whole-school transformational program to grow leadership potential in our students and staff.

We are continuing initiatives that have garnered national attention and most importantly encourage student choice. We now offer four bi-literacy kindergarten, first, second, and third grade classrooms, allowing students to have learning experiences in English and in Spanish. We have also created a learning units based around guided language strategies for our K-5th grades. Thus far, it has proven to be very successful for students and teachers.

As we move forward, we will continue to focus on creating students who are future-ready, empowered, connected, and responsive leaders.

Thank you for your investment in your child's school, and for supporting our efforts to provide your child with a high-quality education.

Sincerely,

Kim Morgan, Principal

