



# ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*The Athol-Royalston Regional School District is committed to providing challenging educational experiences that inspire students to acquire the knowledge and skills to become responsible citizens in the global community.*

September 27, 2018

**Darcy Fernandes**  
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Parents/Guardians and Community Members,

**Sheryl Femino**  
Administrative Assistant

Today the State of Massachusetts released the 2018 MCAS scores. I am happy to announce that **all schools in the district demonstrated growth in both ELA and mathematics in comparison to the 2017 MCAS scores; in many cases the schools improved above state targets.** Below are the highlights for each individual school.

**Kathryn Clark**  
Director of Pupil Services

**Athol Community Elementary School** exceeded the state targets in ELA and math achievement. The state set the school's overall ELA achievement target for the 2018 school year at 484.8; the school's actual overall score was 489.5-4.7 points above target. The state target for Math achievement for the 2018 school year was 482.7; the school's actual achievement score in Math was 488.1-5.4 points above the target. In addition, the school's SGP (Student Growth Percentile) scores also increased. In ELA the school's SGP was 28 in 2017; the SGP is now at 37.3. In Mathematics, the SGP in 2017 was 26.0. The SGP in Mathematics is now is 40.5.

**Mary Jane Rickson**  
AHS Interim Principal  
and 9-12 Curriculum Director

**Molly Superchi**  
Pre-K -8 Curriculum Director

**Christie Fontaine**  
Special Education Coordinator

**Royalston Community Elementary School** exceeded state targets in Math and ELA as well. The state set the school's overall ELA achievement target for the 2018 school year at 497.8. The school's actual overall score was 504.2-6.4 points above target. The state target for Math achievement for the 2018 school year was 494.5; the school's actual achievement score in Math was 499.2-4.7 points above the target. In addition, the schools SGP scores also increased, exceeding the state target set at 50 in both ELA and Math. In ELA, the school's (SGP) is now 69.9. In Mathematics, the SGP is 70.7. In Science, the school's achievement scores also increased from 65.2 in 2017 to 70.7 currently.

**Thomas Telicki**  
Principal  
Athol-Royalston  
Middle School

**Shannon Cleveland**  
Principal  
Athol Community  
Elementary School

**Athol-Royalston Middle School** exceeded state targets in Math and ELA as well. The state set the school's overall ELA achievement target for the 2018 school year at 489.5; the school's overall score was 492.3-2.8 points above target. The state target for Math achievement for the 2018 school year was 490.5. The school's actual achievement score in Math was 489.8-0.7 points below the target, but still above last year's Math achievement score of 488.7. In addition, the schools SGP scores also increased, meeting state targets. In ELA the school's SGP is now 56.6. In Mathematics the SGP is 51.8. Growth targets were met in both ELA and Math. In Science, the school's achievement scores declined overall by 3.7 points. It should be noted that grade 5 Science achievement increased dramatically from 62.6 to 76.9. The school's accountability percentile reached 20, ARMS' status is now that of a school not requiring assistance or state intervention.

**Beth Craven**  
Principal  
Royalston Community School  
Title I Director

**Robert Rouleau**  
Facilities and Transportation

**Lynn Bassett**  
Business Manager

**Athol High School** exceeded state targets in Math and ELA as well. The state set the school's overall ELA achievement target for the 2018 school year at 93.5. The school's actual overall score was 95.1-1.6 points above target. The state target for Math achievement for the 2018 school year was 75.4. The school's achievement score in Math for 2018 was 82.4-7 points above the target. In addition, the schools SGP scores also increased, exceeding the state in both ELA and Math. In ELA, the school's SGP was 36 and is now 47.0. In Mathematics, the SGP was 47 and is now 47.2. In Science, the school's achievement scores also increased from 80.4 in 2017 to 80.5 in 2018. However, this increase was below the state target of 82.9.

**Edward Skutnik**  
Director of Technology

The district's success can be attributed to the efforts of our teachers, staff, students and families. Thank you for your commitment to ensure all our students succeed.

Sincerely,  
Darcy Fernandes  
Superintendent  
Athol-Royalston Regional School District