

# WELLFLEET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Accomplishments - Goals - Priorities

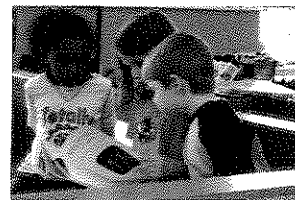
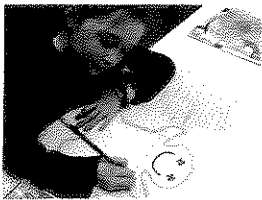
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The Mission of Wellfleet Elementary School is to ensure that each child develops skills, knowledge, and respect for themselves and others. These are the foundations for life-long learning, responsible citizenship, and the realization of one's potential. We will accomplish this by providing a rigorous curriculum, healthy school climate, and family and community involvement.

As a result of the exceptional instructional practices by highly qualified Educators, innovative programming, small class sizes, and strong community engagement and support, Wellfleet Elementary School remains a **Level 1** school district and a **Highest Performing** school as reported by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Wellfleet Elementary School is the only K-5 elementary school on the Cape & the Islands to remain a Level I school according to the 2014 MCAS results.

Wellfleet Elementary School believes that every child matters. We work diligently to personalize the learning experience by building relationships with students, parents, and the community while providing students effective and prescriptive academic, social, and emotional learning. Our highly qualified Educators are skilled in providing rigorous scientific, research-based instruction and interventions; monitoring and measuring student progress in response to the instruction and interventions; and using these measures of student progress to shape instruction and make educational decisions.



We are innovative and cutting-edge with programming for the whole child. Not only do we provide research-based academic programs aligned to the Massachusetts State Frameworks incorporating the Common Core State Standards, we provide social and emotional learning opportunities such as the Tools of the Mind curriculum for kindergarten, Second Step lessons, and Breathing Training where students develop self-regulation and social-emotional management skills, thus being 'available to learn'. We utilize the Next Generation Science Standards and have integrated the Boston Museum of Science's *Engineering is Elementary* units of study into our academic scheduling.



We extend the student day by providing before and after school student assistance, *Figure It Out* math leagues, After School Enrichment Programs such as Running Rascals, and an *Intergenerational Book Club and Knitting Club* with a Wellfleet resident volunteer from the Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands.

The WES School Council has developed a new School Improvement Plan (SIP) for school years 14 - 2017. The SIP's goals align to the Nauset Public Schools District Goals and are based upon current performance levels, data analysis, and feedback from staff, parents, and students. The School Improvement Plan includes three focus areas: Academic, School Climate, and Parent/Community Involvement.

Wellfleet Elementary School welcomes community involvement throughout the school year. Local artists, authors, and community helpers visit our classrooms regularly and provide enrichment opportunities. Partnerships and collaborations have flourished with the Wellfleet Public Library, Wellfleet Council on Aging, Cape Cod Symphony Orchestra, Wellfleet Harbor Lighthouse Theater (WHAT), Mass Audubon, Wellfleet Department of Public Works, IFAW, Nauset Disposal Single Stream Recycling, Polished Dental Program, Cape Cod Elder Services, and the Cape Cod Children's Place. We continue to welcome Wellfleet Firefighters during Fire Prevention Week, Town Librarian Anna Nielson, Community Resident Volunteer Fred Naas, and parent volunteers.



To financially support enrichment opportunities, the staff readily applies for grants. Staff has been the recipients of the Cape Cod 5 Mini Grants, The Big Yellow School Bus Grant, the Massachusetts Cultural Council Grants, and the Jan Chase Rutz Community Foundation Grant. Wellfleet Elementary School is also the recipient of the Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) Grant. Additionally, our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) generously gifts the school a field trip and assembly budget.

This year Wellfleet Elementary School is partnering with Sustainable CAPE's Farm-in-the-School Program to create a uniquely tailored sustainable school garden program in our established Hoop House. The 16-week program incorporates interdisciplinary lessons, teaches students the importance of healthy foods, engages students in producing food, and incorporates school-grown healthful foods into the school's lunch program.

As we plan forward, our goals and priorities include supporting Educators with the new Reading Wonders program, guiding Educators in District Determined Measures data-driven dialogue, remaining current with technology needs in the classroom and providing Educators vital technology integration support. We will continue utilizing and updating the district's Atlas Curriculum Mapping application and ensuring that Wellfleet Elementary School meets the State's Highest Performing standards.

The culmination of the academic rigor, social and emotional learning and supports, and collaborative partnerships with families, volunteers, community helpers, School Committee, School Council, Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, and the Town Administrator are essential to Wellfleet Elementary School's continued success.

On behalf of the Wellfleet Elementary School students and staff, thank you for your continuous support.

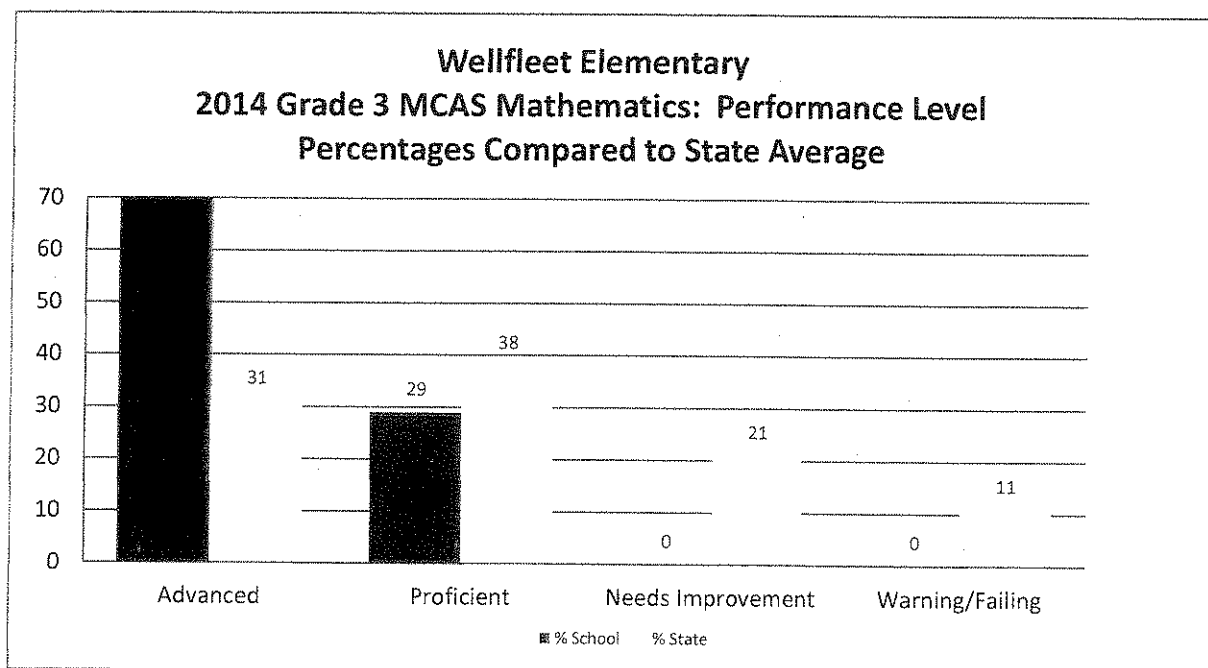
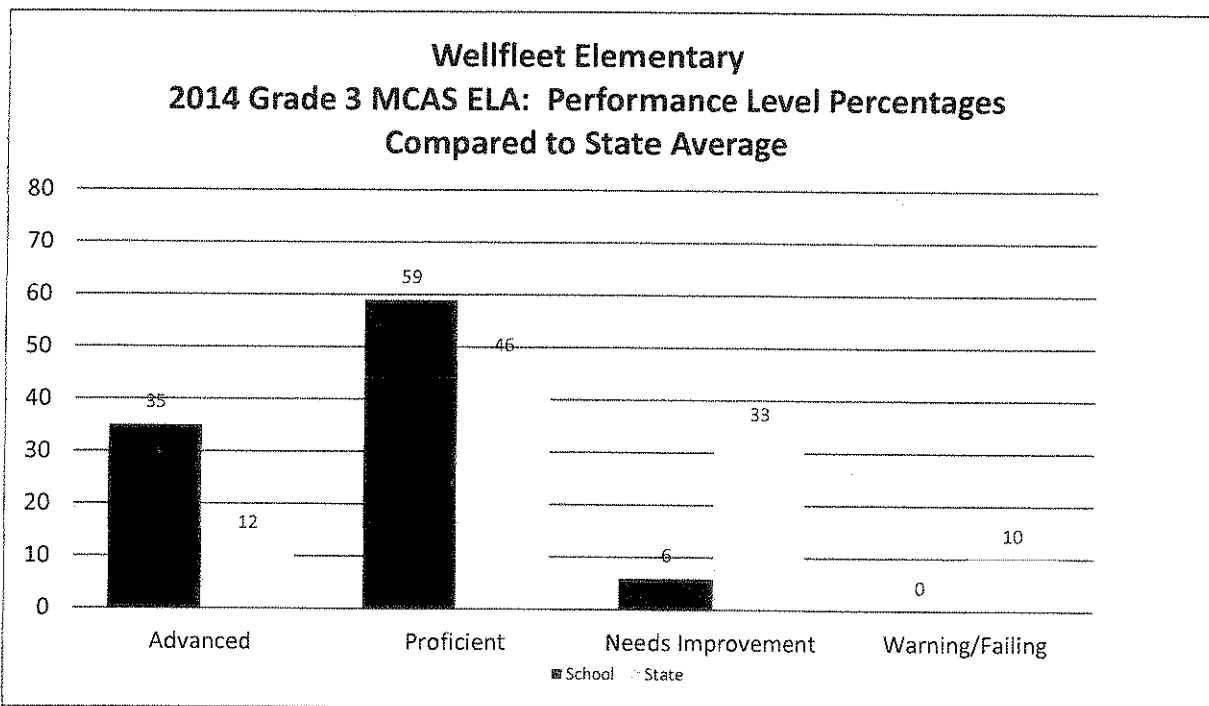
Respectfully submitted,

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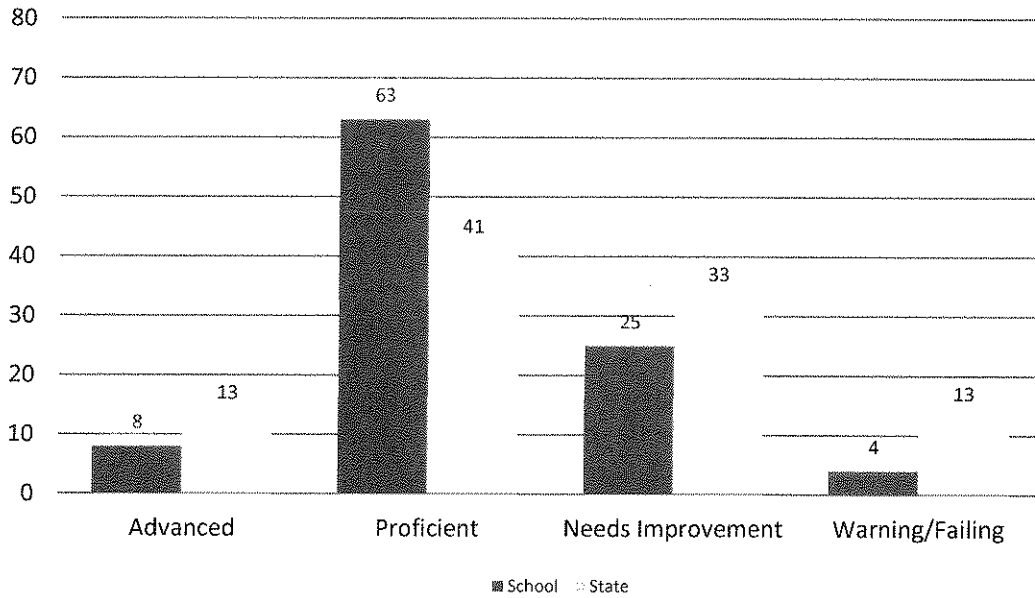


## 2014 MCAS Scores: Wellfleet Elementary Level of Performance

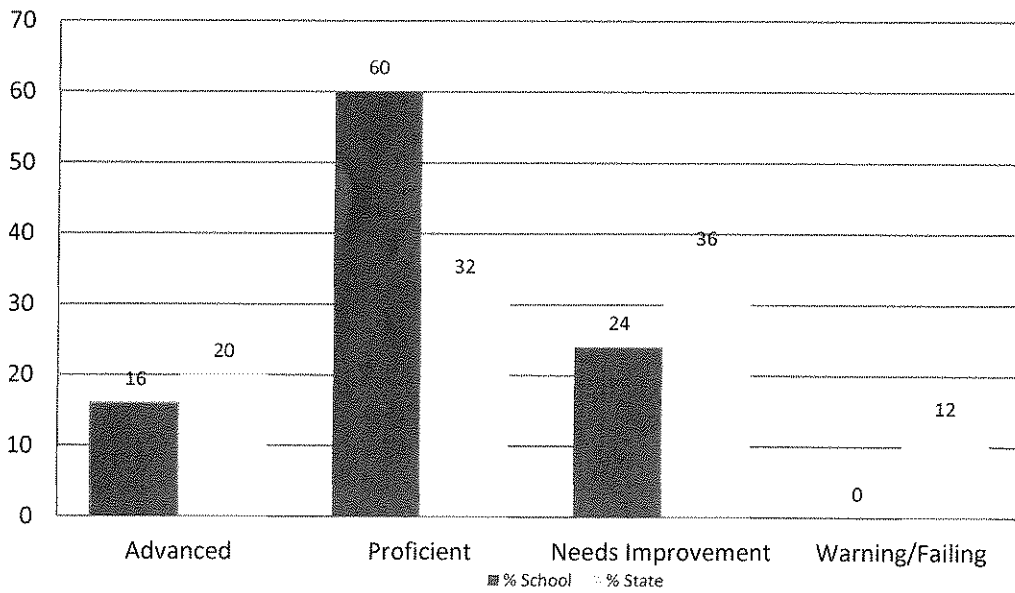
In 2014, Wellfleet Elementary School earned a Composite Performance Index (CPI) of 91.2 in English Language Arts (ELA) and 91.7 in mathematics for all students. The school maintained a Level 1 performance rating with the State for continuing to meet gap narrowing goals. These scores reflect a significant percentage of students scoring in the Advanced and Proficient categories; specifically, in grade 3, 94% in ELA and 100% in math scored Proficient or Above. In addition, 76% of grade 4 students scored Proficient or Above in math, and 75% of grade 5 students scored Proficient or Above in both ELA and Science/Technology. Wellfleet Elementary School received extra credit points in ELA for increasing the percentage of students scoring Advanced by 10% or more and extra credit points in math for decreasing the percentage of students scoring Warning by 10% or more. Our long-standing commitment to advancing education ensures a continued focus on student success and achievement, and translates into many positives including a #1 ranking in the State for grade 3 ELA and mathematics



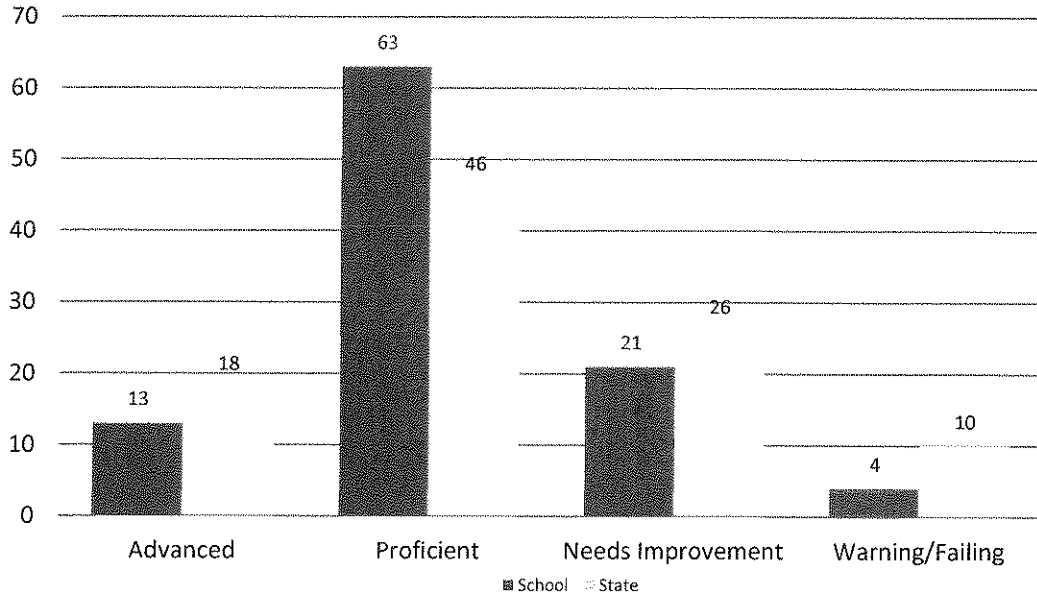
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2014 Grade 4 MCAS ELA: Performance Level Percentages  
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2014 Grade 4 MCAS Mathematics: Performance Level  
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