

Dear Parents and Community Members, [\(Sent out through our e-mail lists\)](#)

I welcome you to the 2009 – 20120 School Year. I hope you experienced many enjoyable times with family and friends over the summer months. Our school year is off to a great start! I’m sure there have been a few typical “glitches” at your homes and in our schools but overall our 3,300 students and 400 or so staff members have experienced a smooth transition back into the routine of school. Our school system’s excellent reputation is continuing to grow as we have seen tremendous growth in our overall MCAS scores including tremendous improvement in our special education subgroups that have not always met No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) status requirements in the past. I am happy to report that all of our schools have met AYP and that the district scores are in the highest category (Very High) for English Language Arts and moving higher in the High category for math at the Elementary and Middle School levels but in the Very High category at the High School. With our process of using Professional Learning Communities, we have been able to make these improvements and will be able to remedy any current and future instructional concerns that become apparent.

**PRSD HAS NO STATUS AND HAS RAISED OUR COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE INDEX**

<b>DISTRICT RESULTS</b>	<b>Aggregate</b>	<b>Sp. Ed. Sub.</b>	<b>Low Inc. Sub.</b>
<b>ELA - VERY HIGH</b>	<b>NO STATUS</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>NS</b>
<b>MATH - HIGH</b>	<b>NO STATUS</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>NS</b>

<b>DISTRICT RESULTS</b>	<b>Aggregate</b>	<b>Sp. Ed. Sub.</b>	<b>Low Inc. Sub.</b>
<b>ELA - CPI - 92.9</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>MATH - CPI - 86.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>3.3</b>

**PRSD IS MAKING AYP!!**

<b>GRADE LEVEL AYP</b>	<b>Aggregate</b>	<b>Sp. Ed. Sub.</b>	<b>Low Inc. Sub.</b>
<b>GRADES 3 - 5</b>			
<b>ELA - VERY HIGH</b>	<b>AYP</b>	<b>AYP</b>	<b>AYP</b>
<b>MATH - HIGH</b>	<b>AYP</b>	<b>AYP</b>	<b>AYP</b>
<b>GRADES 6 - 8</b>			
<b>ELA - VERY HIGH</b>	<b>AYP</b>	<b>AYP</b>	<b>AYP</b>
<b>MATH - HIGH</b>	<b>AYP</b>	<b>AYP</b>	<b>AYP</b>
<b>GRADES 9 - 12</b>			
<b>ELA - VERY HIGH</b>	<b>AYP</b>		
<b>MATH - VERY HIGH</b>	<b>AYP</b>		

This work is only made possible by our committed and hard working professional and support staff. The e-mail below, sent to the staff this morning, along with the improvement in MCAS scores above, indicates the strength of our outstanding PRSD staff.

*“THANK YOU so much for another incredibly smooth opening of school for our students. The amount of preparation, care, and overall hard work you each put into this is commendable. The care for our kids and communities is awesome. Within 15 minutes of the start of school, I could see and hear in the buildings I was at, that Powerful Learning was already taking place.*

*You have done wonderful work beginning to use the Powerful Learning and Habits of Learning concepts. We need to support each other in their implementation because this is what will engage and inspire our students to reach out for their own learning. Technology and life generally is moving at the speed of light and our instruction can no longer be defined through chairs in rows with a lecture style format. Multi-tasking, actively engaged instruction is what will help students realize that we can provide access to the world and help them navigate toward the opportunities they seek. We are not a museum, we are a launching pad! Be sure your students are working as hard if not harder than you. Good questions, which are so hard to formulate, within an inquiry based curriculum, lead us and our students to the pursuit of life-long learning.”*

Our goal is to continually provide you with current and relevant information so you can share in your child’s education and learn about the Pentucket Regional

School District. The best leverage point we all share which will ensure the best education for our children is our collaboration together. Combine a supportive community, wonderful families, talented students, highly professional and dedicated staff members, and a rigorous and relevant curriculum, and you have the recipe for success.

I thank you for your support of our school district and look forward to a tremendous year of passionate learning within a Powerful Learning Environment that balances Habits of Learning as listed below with rigorous Content Standards which can be found on our website at [www.prsd.org](http://www.prsd.org). Have a great Labor Day weekend!

**Five Common Elements of Powerful Learning**

**Experiential**  
**Ownership**  
**Forces one out of Comfort Zone**  
**Multifaceted Support**  
**Reflective**

**Habits of Learning**

**Thinking**  
**Communication**  
**Collaboration**  
**Independence**  
**Creative Exploration**

Sincerely,

Paul A. Livingston – Superintendent of Schools