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100% of BART 10th Grade Students Proficient or Advanced in English and Math

ADAMS, Ma – The Spring 2012 Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment Systems (MCAS) results have been released by the state.

100% of BART 10th grade students were proficient or advanced in both English and math; BART is one of only 4 districts in the state to achieve this result.

BART has also been identified as “high growth” in math for the fourth year in a row. The high growth distinction means that BART’s typical student has grown more than his academic peers across the state. Academic peers are described as those students with similar score histories.

Other highlights of BART’s MCAS scores include:

- 71% of BART 10th grade students were advanced in math; 29% were proficient.
- 86% of BART 10th grade students were proficient or advanced in science.
- The typical BART student grew more in math in the 2011-2012 school year than the typical student at 95% of all other Massachusetts districts.
- BART’s composite performance index in both English and math was higher than the state’s in every grade level: in aggregate, for special education students and for low-income students.

“These results demonstrate that all students can achieve and find success at school. No doubt, BART students work really hard. But they can see that it pays off,” said Julia Bowen, BART’s executive director.

BART is a nationally recognized, award-winning, tuition-free public middle and high school focused on preparing students for college. 100% of BART’s graduates have passed a college course and have been accepted into college prior to graduation. BART does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, homelessness, disability or sexual orientation.

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