Department of Education

Progress Report 2008-09

ELEMENTARY

This Progress Report is for:

SCHOOL	**P.S. 215 Morris H. Weiss (21K215)**
PRINCIPAL	**Antonella Bove**
ENROLLMENT	**613**
SCHOOL TYPE	**ELEMENTARY**
PEER INDEX	**30.57**

Progress Report Grade

A

What does this grade mean?

Schools are assigned letter grades based on their overall Progress Report score. Schools that get As and Bs are eligible for rewards. Schools that get Ds and Fs, or 3 Cs in a row, face consequences, including change in school leadership or school closure.

How did this school perform?

- This school's overall score for 2008-09 is 69.2
- This score places the School in the 15 percentile of all Elementary schools Citywide–i.e., 15 percent of those schools scored lower than this school

Category	Calculated Score	Category Grade
School Environment	**9.7** out of 15	**B**
Student Performance	**18.9** out of 25	**A**
Student Progress	**37.6** out of 60	**B**
Additional Credit	**3.0** (15 max)	
Overall Score	**69.2** out of 100	**A**

How scores translate to grades:

- Schools receive letter grades based on their overall score
- Schools with an overall score between 68.0-100 receive a letter grade of A
- 87% of schools earned an A in 2008-09

Elementary Table – Overall Grades

Grade	Score range	City summary
A	68.0-100	87.2% of schools
B	54-67.9	10.8% of schools
C	43.0-53.9	1.4% of schools
D	33.0-42.9	0.3% of schools
F	0-32.9	0.3% of schools

In This Report:

Each school's Progress Report (1) measures student year-to-year progress, (2) compares the school to peer schools and (3) rewards success in moving all children forward, especially children with the greatest needs. The Progress Report measures four areas:

School Environment
uses parent, teacher and secondary student surveys and other data to measure necessary conditions for learning: attendance, academic expectations, communication, engagement and safety and respect.

Student Performance
measures student skill levels in English Language Arts and Math.

Student Progress
measures average student improvement from last year to this year in English Language Arts and Math.

Closing the Achievement Gap
gives schools additional credit for exemplary gains among high-need students.

The back page provides specific information about how the school performed in each of these areas.

Quality Review Score
This school's 2008-09 Quality Review score is:
Proficient
To see this school's Quality Review report, find the school's Web site at http://schools.nyc.gov/, click 'Statistics' and scroll down to Quality Review Report.

State Accountability Status
Based on its 2008-09 performance, this school is:
In Good Standing
This status is determined by the New York State Department of Education under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. It is separate from the school's Progress Report Grade.

Additional Information

Closing the Achievement Gap

Schools earn additional credit when their high-need students make exemplary gains. These gains are based on the percentage of high-need students who improve by at least one-half of a proficiency level in English Language Arts or Math (e.g., student improves from 2.25 to 2.75 in ELA, or 3.20 to 3.70 in Math).

This component can only improve a school's Progress Report grade. It cannot lower a school's grade.

Credit	Exemplary Proficiency Gains	Student Group
		English Language Arts
	-	English Language Learners
	22.2%	Special Education Students
	-	Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
	-	Black Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
+1.5	56.3%	Other Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
		Mathematics
	-	English Language Learners
	27.6%	Special Education Students
	-	Hispanic Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
	-	Black Students in the Lowest Third Citywide
+1.5	52.9%	Other Students in the Lowest Third Citywide

(-) indicates less than 15 students in this category

Peer Schools

Each school's performance is compared to the performance of schools in its peer group. Peer schools are those New York City public schools with a student population most like this school's population. Each school has up to 40 peer schools.

For Elementary and K-8 Schools, peer schools are determined based on the percentage of students at each school that are English Language Learners, Special Education, Black/Hispanic and Title I eligible.

For Middle Schools, peer schools are determined based on the average ELA and Math proficiency levels of the school's students before they entered Middle School.

The peer schools for P.S. 215 Morris H. Weiss are:

DBN	School Name	DBN	School Name
25Q032	P.S. 032 State Street	20K112	P.S. 112 Lefferts Park
31R058	Space Shuttle Columbia School	15K146	P.S. 146
31R041	P.S. 041 New Dorp	28Q175	P.S. 175 The Lynn Gross Discovery School
22K312	P.S. 312 Bergen Beach	10X081	P.S. 081 Robert J. Christen
28Q139	P.S. 139 Rego Park	27Q108	P.S. 108 Captain Vincent G. Fowler
31R052	P.S. 052 John C. Thompson	20K176	P.S. 176 Ovington
15K058	P.S. 058 The Carroll	25Q120	P.S. 120 Queens
03M166	P.S. 166 The Richard Rodgers School of The Arts and Tec	14K034	P.S. 034 Oliver H. Perry
21K097	P.S. 97 The Highlawn	11X108	P.S. 108 Philip J. Abinanti
22K222	P.S. 222 Katherine R. Snyder	21K199	P.S. 199 Frederick Wachtel
25Q107	P.S. 107 Thomas A Dooley	31R060	P.S. 060 Alice Austen
20K200	P.S. 200 Benson School	20K102	P.S. 102 The Bayview
21K101	P.S. 101 The Verrazano	24Q113	P.S. 113 Isaac Chauncey
31R039	P.S. 39 Francis J. Murphy Jr.	20K186	P.S. 186 Dr. Irving A Gladstone
25Q163	P.S. 163 Flushing Heights	01M363	Neighborhood School
21K100	P.S. 100 The Coney Island School	20K127	P.S. 127 Mckinley Park
20K247	P.S. 247 Brooklyn	21K128	P.S. 128 Bensonhurst
22K254	P.S. 254 Dag Hammarskjold	20K105	P.S. 105 The Blythebourne
13K008	P.S. 008 Robert Fulton	25Q154	P.S. 154 Queens
24Q058	P.S. 58 - School of Heroes	15K039	P.S. 039 Henry Bristow

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Results by Category

SCHOOL **P.S. 215 Morris H. Weiss**
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HOW TO INTERPRET THIS CHART

A school is evaluated by asking how far its score in each category has moved along the range of scores for all schools. These charts show that movement as a percentage. In the example to the right, the school's score is 75% of the way from the lowest to the highest score in the City.

If a school performs at the top end of the range, the bar will be fully shaded. If a school performs at the low end of the range, the bar will not be shaded. If a school performs in the middle of the range, half the bar will be shaded

		0% Min / 25% / 50% / 75% / 100% Max
Attendance 95%	**75.0%**	80.0% – 100.0%

In this example, the school's attendance is 95%. This is 75% of the way from the lowest attendance at any school (80%) to the highest attendance (100%).

Below, the green charts on the left compare the school to its peer group. The blue charts on the right compare the school to schools Citywide. Peer scores count three times as much as City scores. Peer and City ranges are based on the outcomes of schools from 2005-08.

School Environment

Comprises 15% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score: **9.7 out of 15**

B

	Your School's Score	Your School Relative to Peer Horizon: (0% Peer Min / 25% / 50% / 75% / 100% Peer Max)		Your School Relative to City Horizon: (0% City Min / 25% / 50% / 75% / 100% City Max)		Number of students
Survey Scores (10 points)						
Academic Expectations:	8.3	**71.4%**	6.8 – 8.9	**76.9%**	6.3 – 8.9	
Communication:	7.8	**72.0%**	6.0 – 8.5	**80.8%**	5.7 – 8.3	
Engagement:	8.0	**82.8%**	5.6 – 8.5	**87.5%**	5.2 – 8.4	
Safety and Respect:	8.6	**70.6%**	7.4 – 9.1	**79.3%**	6.3 – 9.2	
Attendance (5 points)	93.8%	**35.7%**	92.3% – 96.5%	**63.1%**	88.5% – 96.9%	

Student Performance

Comprises 25% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score: **18.9 out of 25**

A

	Your School's Score	Your School Relative to Peer Horizon: (0% Peer Min / 25% / 50% / 75% / 100% Peer Max)		Your School Relative to City Horizon: (0% City Min / 25% / 50% / 75% / 100% City Max)		Number of students
English Language Arts						
Percentage of Students at Proficiency (Level 3 or 4):	81.6%	**68.7%**	62.7% – 90.2%	**81.3%**	25.8% – 94.4%	293
Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):	3.39	**69.2%**	3.12 – 3.51	**79.8%**	2.60 – 3.59	293
Mathematics						
Percentage of Students at Proficiency (Level 3 or 4):	93.3%	**70.0%**	77.7% – 100.0%	**85.7%**	53.2% – 100.0%	299
Median Student Proficiency (1.00-4.50):	4.00	**82.1%**	3.45 – 4.12	**90.1%**	2.82 – 4.13	299

Student Progress

Comprises 60% of the Overall Score

This Year's Score: **37.6 out of 60**

B

	Your School's Score	Your School Relative to Peer Horizon: (0% Peer Min / 25% / 50% / 75% / 100% Peer Max)		Your School Relative to City Horizon: (0% City Min / 25% / 50% / 75% / 100% City Max)		Number of students
English Language Arts						
Percentage of Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress	61.1%	**68.0%**	44.5% – 68.9%	**58.8%**	44.8% – 72.5%	281
Percentage of Students in School's Lowest 1/3 Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress	71.7%	**35.4%**	60.9% – 91.4%	**33.1%**	60.0% – 95.3%	53
Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 1 and Level 2 Students	0.47	**86.2%**	0.22 – 0.51	**91.2%**	0.16 – 0.50	42
Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 3 and Level 4 Students	0.02	**77.3%**	(0.15) – 0.07	**80.0%**	(0.22) – 0.08	239
Mathematics						
Percentage of Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress	74.5%	**71.5%**	52.4% – 83.3%	**82.1%**	41.1% – 81.8%	287
Percentage of Students in School's Lowest 1/3 Students Making at Least 1 Year of Progress	68.4%	**49.4%**	51.3% – 85.9%	**51.7%**	46.0% – 89.3%	57
Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 1 and Level 2 Students	0.47	**71.7%**	0.14 – 0.60	**77.4%**	0.06 – 0.59	26
Average Change in Student Proficiency for Level 3 and Level 4 Students	0.01	**55.0%**	(0.10) – 0.10	**64.7%**	(0.21) – 0.13	261