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## Arlington Public Schools Accountability Report

The Arlington Public Schools and Ottoson Middle School have been inaccurately designated as a Level III district and school because of coding errors in reports submitted to the state in October 2012.

Coding errors inaccurately reflected the number of English Language Learner (ELL) students receiving services at the Ottoson Middle School. This resulted in the state expecting English language proficiency test results from fifteen former ELL students who were not actually required to take the proficiency test, and so did not. All Ottoson students requiring ELL services received them and were tested. However, given the inaccurate coding, it appeared to the state that OMS did not reach the required participation rate on the test required for ELL students.

These inaccurate results automatically tripped a Level III designation for Ottoson Middle School and the Arlington Public Schools. APS is currently working with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to correct the ELL data and to return the middle school and the district to the correct Level II designation.

Arlington Public Schools' Superintendent Kathleen Bodie is directing a review of all data collection and submission processes for state reporting.

On the 2013 MCAS, Ottoson Middle School actually demonstrated improvements in Mathematics at all grades, and in English Language Arts in grades seven and eight.