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Four Finalists Named for Ottoson Middle School Principal

Arlington Public Schools is pleased to announce that the search committee for the Ottoson Middle School principal position has named four finalists. Finalists will visit Ottoson Middle Schools this month. A team from Arlington Public Schools will also visit the finalists' current schools. The position has been filled on an interim basis over the past two years.

"We are pleased to have four strong candidates for this important leadership position in our district, and I am grateful for the dedicated work of the Search Committee," stated Superintendent Kathleen Bodie. On January 24 from 6:00-9:00 pm in the Ottoson Middle School Media Center, parents and community members are invited to hear from all four finalists. "I hope many of you will join us as we move toward a final decision in the coming weeks," said Dr. Bodie, in anticipation of this community opportunity.

The finalists are:

Elizabeth Golden, Assistant Principal of the Collins Middle School in Salem. Dr. Golden, who will visit Ottoson on January 10, is in her tenth year in her current position. Her prior work was as a special education/history teacher at Lynn Public Schools' English High School. She also worked in Lynn's Welcoming Alternative Schools as a middle school special education teacher. Prior to that she was a middle school special education teacher at the Manville School in Boston, part of the Judge Baker Children's Center.

Donna Martin, Assistant Principal of the McCarthy Middle School in Chelmsford. Ms. Martin has been in her current position for nine years. She will visit Ottoson on January 8. She was the secondary level Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator in the Chelmsford Public Schools for three years before taking her current position. From 1993 through 2006 she worked in the Arlington Public Schools, for 10 years at Ottoson as a social studies teacher, and for two years at Arlington High School, also as a social studies teacher.

Mark McAneny, Principal of the Bishop Elementary School in Arlington. Mr. McAneny will visit Ottoson on January 11. He has been Principal of Bishop School since 2011. He was previously the Assistant Principal at Newman Elementary School in Needham, and was a grade 3 and 4 teacher at the Amos A. Lawrence School in the Brookline Public Schools starting in 2002. His prior work experience includes service in the US Marine Corps and in private business.

Brian Meringer, Assistant Headmaster of the Dover Sherborn Middle School. Mr. Meringer, who will visit Ottoson on January 16, has held his current position since 2013. Previously he was a Housemaster in the middle school in Norwood Public Schools. From 2002 through 2008 he was a sixth grade social studies and literacy/language arts teacher in the Wellesley Middle School, where he also completed his administrative internship. He previously taught social studies in the middle school in the Concord and Rockport Public Schools.