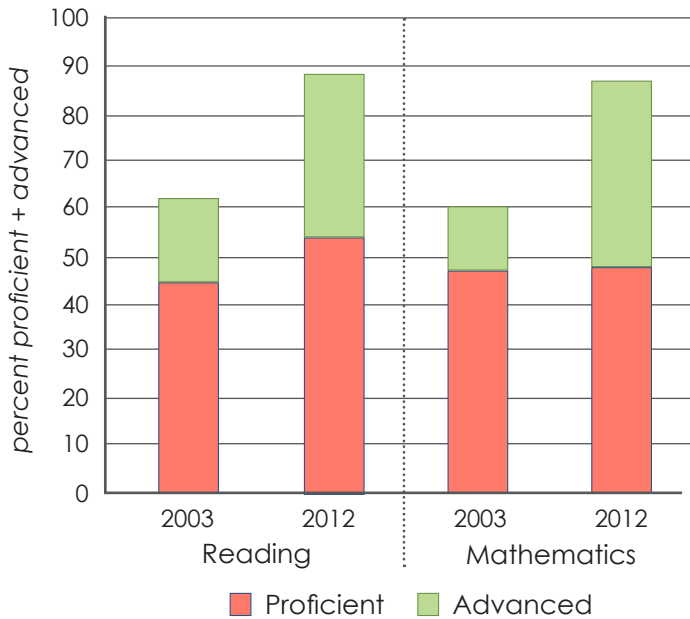


2012 MSA RESULTS: CONTINUED STEADY IMPROVEMENT

2012 MSA Results: Elementary



Composite elementary reading scores have increased **26.2 points** since 2003, while mathematics scores are up **27.7 points**.

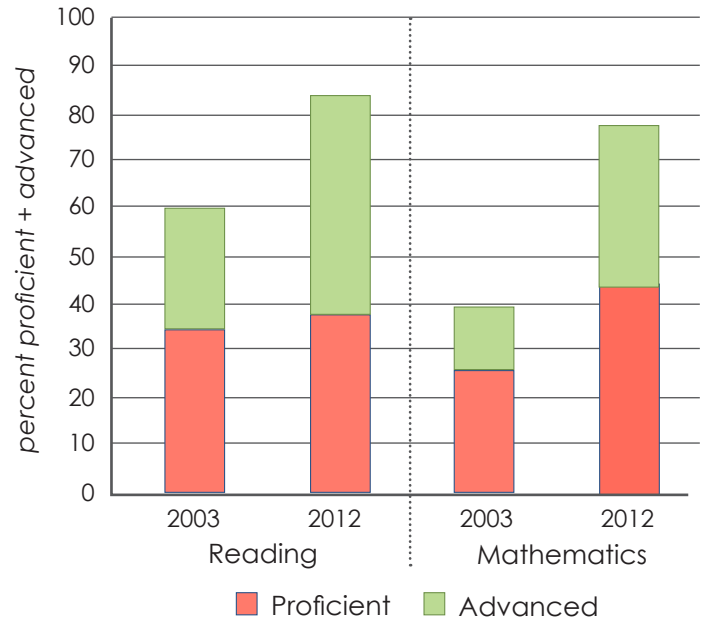
- Advanced Reading scores increased 18.9 points from 2003 to 2012.
- Advanced Math scores increased 28.2 points from 2003 to 2012.

The Maryland School Assessment (MSA) is administered annually to students in grades 3–8 in reading and math. MSA data are used to meet federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requirements. MSA scores are reported in three categories:

- Basic - student is not meeting grade-level expectations.
- Proficient - student is passing standards.
- Advanced - student is performing well above standards.

- **Twenty-one** of Maryland's **24 school systems** have at least **80 percent** of their elementary students scoring in the **proficient or better levels in reading (88.2%) and mathematics (87.7%)**.
- In the middle school level, **17 systems** have at least **80 percent** of their students scoring in the **proficient or better levels in reading**, while **16 systems** have **80 percent** of their students hitting the **proficiency target in mathematics**.

2012 MSA Results: Middle



Composite middle school reading scores are up **22.2 points** since 2003, and mathematics has increased a remarkable **36.6 points**.

- Advanced Reading scores increased 18.3 points from 2003 to 2012.
- Advanced Math scores increased 18.5 points from 2003 to 2012.

“*Our teachers, our administrators, our parents, and our students are working together to move schools forward. Education is the cornerstone to Maryland's future, and I believe we're building a strong foundation for decades to come.*”

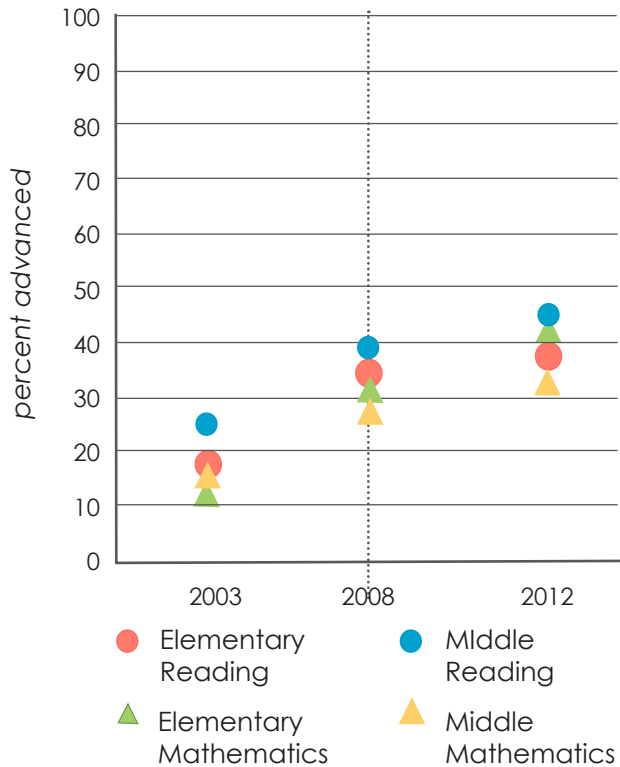
*Lillian M. Lowery, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Schools*

Maryland will administer new Partnership for Assessment of Readiness of College and Careers (PARCC) assessments in 2014-2015.

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS TO ACROSS-THE-BOARD STUDENT IMPROVEMENT ON THE MSAs

High Performance

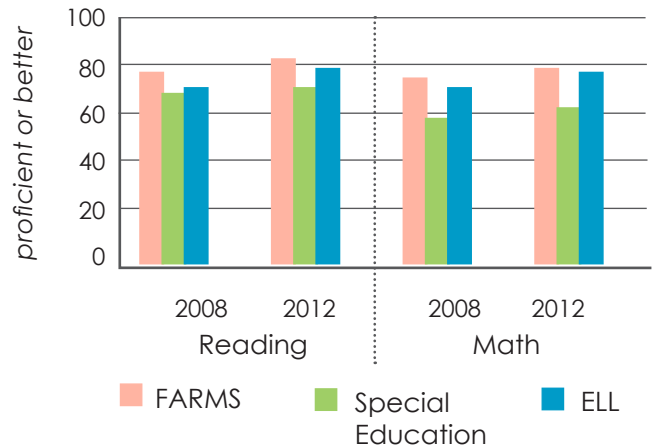
**2012 MSA Advanced Results:
Elementary and Middle**



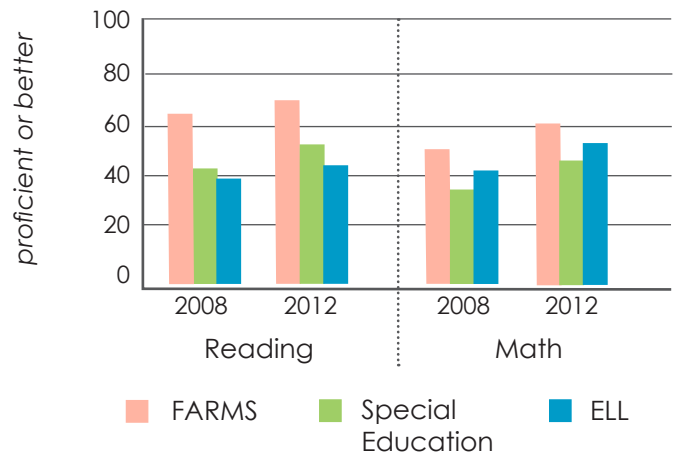
- Nearly 90 percent of all elementary students are meeting standards in both reading (88.2 percent) and mathematics (87.7 percent).
- Since 2003, the percent of Elementary Reading scores at the Advanced level has doubled and the percent of Middle School Reading scores has increased by a factor of 1.7.
- The percent of Elementary Mathematics scores at the Advanced level has increased more than three-fold since 2003 and the percent of Middle School Mathematics scores has more than doubled.
- More than half of all fourth grade Mathematics scores are now at the Advanced level (51.2 percent).

Closing the Achievement Gap

**2012 MSA Elementary Results by
Special Services Subgroups**



**2012 MSA Middle School Results by
Special Services Subgroups**



- Middle school reading scores have improved for all special services subgroups. For example, 63.4 percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals scored in the proficient range in 2008. By this year, that had risen to 70.6 percent.
- The percentage of English Language Learners at the elementary school level scoring in the Reading proficient or better range has jumped from 69.1 percent in 2008 to 77.8 percent in 2012.