




National Assessment Governing Board

National Assessment of Educational Progress

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governors Education Policy Advisors

FROM: Charles E. Smith, Executive Director 
National Assessment Governing Board

DATE: December 16, 2009

RE: Release of the 2003 National Assessment of Educational Progress results

The National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) will officially release the results of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2003 Reading and Mathematics assessments on November 13, 2003. One day prior to the release, each Governor's Education Policy Advisor will receive via overnight mail an embargoed copy of your state's NAEP Snapshot Reports and the NAEP Highlights Reports for both subjects. Your Chief State School Officer, State Assessment Director, and NAEP State Coordinator will also receive embargoed copies.

Please note that the data in these reports are embargoed until the official release. Enclosed is a confidentiality agreement for your Education Policy Advisor to sign and return to the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) by **November 5, 2003**. Without a returned agreement from your state, NCES will not send an embargoed report to your office. Please fax the confidentiality agreement to Rima Zobyayan of NCES at (202) 502-7440.

The National Governors Association (NGA) will host a conference call to brief all Governors' Education Policy Advisors on the NAEP results on Wednesday, November 12 at 1pm Eastern Standard Time. This call will provide an opportunity to learn about the purpose of NAEP and your state results, ask specific questions about the assessment, and receive guidance for interpreting results. To register for the NGA call, please contact Cardella Mingo at (202) 624-7801 or cmingo@nga.org. For additional information about the conference call, your staff may contact Ilene Berman of NGA at 202-624-5378.

Finally, we appreciate the adherence of your office in observing the restrictions against public disclosure of the data prior to the release date. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 202-357-6938.

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