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Subject: Reminder: 11/5 Deadline for Confidentiality Agreement - NAEP  
Reading and Mathematics Results and Embargoed Data

On November 13, 2003, the National Assessment Governing Board will release results of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2003 Reading and Mathematics fourth and eighth grade assessments.

For the first time, as a result of a requirement in the No Child Left Behind legislation, all 50 states participated in NAEP 2003. As NAEP is the only assessment that allows state-to-state and state-to-nation comparisons, governors' offices should expect media inquiries. This unprecedented situation also raises the need for embargo protections. NCES must receive signed confidentiality agreements by NOVEMBER 5, 2003 to be authorized to share the state's data on November 12, the day prior to the official release. NCES asks that governors' education policy advisors or policy directors sign these agreements as the governor's and his/her staff's designee. Attached to this email is a memo describing the NAEP release and the confidentiality agreement. If any of you have any trouble faxing to the number on the top of the confidentiality agreement, please use (202) 502-7460 instead. Any questions about the agreement should be directed to Rima Zobayan at (202/502-7488).

Please note that results from trial districts will be released later in the year. Reports will be released next year for the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Puerto Rico. Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands did not participate in NAEP 2003.

To assist governors' staff in interpreting results, learning about regional and national trends, and understanding the assessment, NGA will host a conference call for governors' education policy advisors, policy directors, and Washington representatives.

Presenters on the call will be:

Peggy Carr, Associate Commissioner, National Center for Educational Statistics

Charles Smith, Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board

Ilene Berman, Deputy Director, Education Policy Studies Division, NGA

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The conference call will be held on Wednesday, November 12 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. EST in the Hall of the States, Room TBD. Please submit the attached response form if you plan to participate in the call. To join the call, please dial 866-279-1567 then enter the room number, \*2026248803\* (The star keys must be entered). Contact Ilene Berman ([iberman@nga.org](mailto:iberman@nga.org); 202/624-5378) or Cardella Mingo ([cmingo@nga.org](mailto:cmingo@nga.org); 202/624-7801) with any questions.