

May 12, 2003

The Honorable Michael F. Easley
Governor of North Carolina
State Capitol
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Dear Governor Easley:

*Lead the Nation in Educational Progress . . . Lead the Nation in Reading Progress . . .
Draw national attention to the good news about reading progress in North Carolina and
Other Southern States*

This is our plan for Monday, June 23rd, at high noon in Austin, Texas. The latest reading results from the National Assessment of Educational Progress will have just been released. We want to spotlight success in raising reading results and extraordinary reading programs in our states. The chairman and immediate past chairman of the National Assessment of Educational Progress Governing Board will join me, as a member of the Board, to highlight our states' reading results.

Under a banner that says "Leading the Nation in Educational Progress in Reading" is a place I hope you will join me with the Southern Regional Education Board in Austin.

This announcement and press photograph session will be at noon, June 23rd. Come join me. Come if you can for the morning and afternoon where we will be focused on ways our states can lead the nation in educational progress. We can provide the details about meeting arrangements.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Mark Musick, SREB President