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Dear School District of Philadelphia Families,

Your child's school has been selected to participate in the [National Assessment of Educational Progress \(NAEP\)](#). NAEP is an assessment conducted by the [U.S. Department of Education](#) that measures how students across the country are performing— making it different from the PSSA or Keystone exams which measure performance for individual schools and Pennsylvania as a whole. The results are released as [The Nation's Report Card](#), which provides information about student achievement in every state to educators, parents/guardians, policymakers, and the public.

What families can expect:

- Each selected school will have one day of NAEP testing between January 29, 2024 - March 7, 2024.
- Students in grades 4, 8, and 12 may take either a reading, math, or science assessment.
- Students will complete the assessment on a computer provided by NAEP.
- The entire testing process will take about 120 minutes for most students.
- **Your child's grades will not be affected.** NAEP does not calculate scores for individual students, so neither the government nor your child's school or teacher will ever know how your child performed on NAEP.

The assessments will include multiple-choice questions, open-ended responses, and voluntary survey items about students' educational experiences both in and out of the classroom. Sample questions and survey booklets are available at [Parents - Participating in NAEP](#) under the section "What Questions Are on the Test?"

The information your child is learning in school will prepare them for the test, so there is no need for them to study anything additional or special to prepare for NAEP. Please encourage your child to do their best. While the assessment is voluntary, NAEP depends on student participation to help policymakers improve education. Your school has a NAEP Coordinator who is working with your child's teacher. If you have any questions please contact your school for support.

Thank you for choosing the School District of Philadelphia for your child's education. We look forward to working with you as we continue to prepare our students to imagine and realize any future they desire.

In partnership,

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