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Dear Superintendent Reitan,

Thank you for all that you do to support education in Alaska. I am writing to notify you that 1 school has been selected to participate in the 2024 administration of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students in the United States know and can do in various subjects. It is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the U.S. Department of Education. Selected schools represent schools across the nation, and their participation provides an accurate picture of student performance. Craig City School District will play an important role by participating, and I hope that we can count on your full support to make this a positive experience for your school and students.

NAEP 2024 Program Overview

The NAEP 2024 administration will assess students between **January 29 and March 8, 2024** and will include two main assessment programs. Please see the list below which shows the NAEP assessment program for the school. Students will respond to questions in mathematics, reading, or science, and each student will answer questions in only one subject.

- State-level assessments
 - Grades 4 and 8: Mathematics and reading
- National assessments and pilots
 - Grade 8: Science assessments
 - Grade 12: Mathematics and reading assessments with High School Transcript Study
 - Grades 4 and 8: Mathematics and reading pilots

State-Level Assessments and National Indian Education Study

For the state-level assessments, NAEP will administer mathematics and reading assessments to students in grades 4 and 8. American Indian and Alaska Native students participating in the NAEP mathematics and reading assessments at grades 4 and 8 will also be included in the National Indian Education Study (NIES). NIES describes the condition of education for American Indian and Alaska Native students in the United States. To learn more about the NIES, please visit <https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/nies>. Results from the state-level assessments will be released as The Nation's Report Card.

National-Level Assessments and High School Transcript Study

For the national-level assessments, NAEP will administer science assessments to students in grade 8. In addition, grade 12 students will take mathematics and reading assessments. High schools selected for grade 12 assessments will also participate in the High School Transcript Study (HSTS), which involves the collection of student transcripts and course catalogs. This information will be used to examine coursetaking patterns of students and relate those patterns to educational achievement and NAEP assessment data. To learn more about the HSTS, please visit <https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/hsts>. Results from the national-level assessments will be released as The Nation's Report Card.

Pilot Assessments

NAEP will also administer pilot assessments for mathematics and reading at grades 4 and 8. Results from pilots will not be released but will inform NAEP assessments.

NAEP 2024 Program Transitions

The 2024 assessments will help NAEP continue to examine transitions to online assessments and using devices that students are most familiar with. Such shifts will help to ensure the program can flexibly, meaningfully, and reliably measure trends in student achievement and experiences over time.

NAEP representatives will provide support to participating schools. They will administer the assessment and bring all necessary materials and equipment, including the devices to assess the students. NAEP will ask to use school-based Internet—when possible—to conduct the assessment. The program will work with districts and schools to determine if this is feasible for each school.

What Comes Next?

Your NAEP State Coordinator will contact your district assessment coordinator and principal to provide additional details about the assessments. The district assessment coordinator will be asked to choose a technology coordinator to identify the school's Internet capabilities.

Please include the NAEP assessment window (January 29 to March 8, 2024) on your district test calendar. Starting in mid-June, each school will receive its assessment date. Schools may work with your NAEP State Coordinator if there is a conflict with the scheduled assessment date.

Information about NAEP can be found at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard> and in the [*Facts for Districts*](#). Raina Moulian, your NAEP State Coordinator, will contact your staff with additional information.

Thank you for supporting this important assessment and for helping accomplish our goal of 100 percent participation.

Sincerely,



Heidi Teshner
Acting Commissioner

CC: Elizabeth Greninger, Assessments Administrator
Cindy Glore, District Testing Coordinator
Raina Moulian, NAEP State Coordinator

National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) conducts the National Assessment of Educational Progress to evaluate federally supported education programs. All of the information you provide may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (20 U.S.C. §9573 and 6 U.S.C. §151). By law, every NCES employee as well as every NCES agent, such as contractors and NAEP coordinators, has taken an oath and is subject to a jail term of up to 5 years, a fine of \$250,000, or both if he or she willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about you. Electronic submission of your information will be monitored for viruses, malware, and other threats by Federal employees and contractors in accordance with the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015.

Eligible School for Craig City School District

Craig Middle School, grade 8, mathematics and reading