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Dear Parent or Guardian:

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I am pleased to announce that our school has been selected to participate in the 2019 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), often referred to as the *Nation's Report Card*. NAEP is a program of the United States Department of Education and is an ongoing assessment of what our elementary, middle, and high school students know and can do in various academic subjects.

The NAEP assessment will take place on February 5, 2019. A random sample of our grade **12** students **has been** selected to take the Mathematics, Reading or Science assessment using tablets with keyboards or a paper-and-pencil version of the test, and your child **has been** selected. The assessment will take about 120 minutes. Students do not need to study in preparation for NAEP; however, we do ask you to encourage your child/children to do their best on this important assessment. Your child may be excused from participation for any reason, is not required to finish the assessment, and may skip any question. We depend on student participation to provide an accurate measure of student achievement to help inform improvements in education, so participation is very important. Your child's grades and academic performance will not be affected by NAEP results. Results for individual students, schools, school divisions, or states will not be reported. If there is a weather-related issue or other interruption on the assessment date, the assessment will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

After the content area test is completed, the NAEP assessment asks students survey questions about their daily routine and educational experiences. For example, students are asked if there is a computer at home and about the amount of reading they do. Student responses to these survey questions are not scored as test questions, but rather the responses provide context and meaning to the assessment results. A student may skip any question that he or she does not want to answer.

Please note that NAEP has strict confidentiality requirements. The following confidentiality pledge is required in all communication to school division staff, school staff, parents, and students:

*National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) is authorized to conduct NAEP by the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act (20 U.S.C. §9622) and to collect students' education records from education agencies or institutions for the purposes of evaluating federally supported education programs under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA, 34 CFR §§ 99.31(a)(3)(iii) and 99.35). All of the information provided by participants 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 participants. Electronic submission of participant's information will be monitored for viruses, malware, and other threats by Federal employees and contractors in accordance with the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015. **The collected information will be combined across respondents to produce statistical reports.***

If your child currently has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 plan, or an English Learner (EL) Student Assessment Participation Plan and receives accommodations for classroom, division, or state Standards of Learning (SOL) assessments, please be aware that although NAEP provides most of the accommodations permitted on the SOL assessments, some SOL accommodations are not permitted on NAEP. We will be happy to discuss your child's needs, the test he/she has been selected to participate in, and the NAEP accommodations that will be provided.

Grade 12 NAEP 2019 will include an electronic high school transcript study that will use linked course taking information using a two-step encryption process to protect individual student identities during a data linking process. By taking part in NAEP, students contribute to improving American education and ensuring that all of our children receive the education they deserve. The participation of each student selected is greatly appreciated. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Sperelakis-Babb at 558-5302 or by e-mail at Christine.sperelakis-babb@cpschools.com.

If you would like additional information about NAEP or to view sample subject area and student questions, please visit <https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/parents/>. Beginning in December, please visit <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/about/booklets.asp> to review sample questions.