

**NAEP 2011 PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION LETTER**  
Paper and Pencil Elementary and Middle Schools

February 7, 2011

Dear Parent or Guardian:

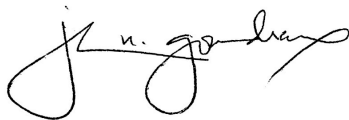
Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science has been selected as a representative sampling of schools across our nation by participating in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). NAEP is given by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) within the U.S. Department of Education. NAEP tells us what our nation's students know and can do in key subject areas. It is the largest nationally representative assessment and has been providing valid data on national student performance since 1969.

The results of NAEP are published in a report called The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents, policymakers, and the public. In our school, the **NAEP assessment will be given on February 9-10, 2011** in mathematics, reading and science. All 8<sup>th</sup> graders are required to take the assessment. In addition to subject area questions, students will be asked some questions about themselves and their educational experience. You can access student and sample assessment questions at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/parents/>.

It will take about 90 minutes for most students to complete each section of NAEP. The results are completely confidential (in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347), and your child's grades will not be affected. There is no need to study in preparation for NAEP. We do ask parents to encourage their children to do their best and to have them get plenty of rest the night before the assessment.

If you would like to have additional information about NAEP, please visit <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>. If you have questions or concerns please contact John Goudeaux at 202-806-7725 or via e-mail at [john.goudeaux@universitymiddleschool.org](mailto:john.goudeaux@universitymiddleschool.org).

Sincerely,



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