

NAEP 2017 PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION LETTER
Mathematics and reading assessments



February 14, 2017

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Eight grade students at Steller Secondary School will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on **Tuesday February 14, 2017**. NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in various subjects. It is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S. Department of Education. NAEP is different from our state assessment because it provides a common measure of student achievement across the country. The results are released as The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents, policymakers, and the public.

Your 8th grade student will take a mathematics or reading assessment. Please visit <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/about/booklets.asp> to review sample questions.

The assessment takes about 90 to 120 minutes for most students. The results are completely confidential (in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347).

The information collected is used for statistical purposes only.

- Your child's grades will not be affected.
- Students may be excused for any reason, are not required to complete the assessment, and may skip any question.
- While the assessment is voluntary, NAEP depends on student participation to help policymakers improve education. However, if you do not want your child to participate, please notify me in writing by February 10, 2017.

There is no need to study in preparation for NAEP, but please encourage your child to do their best. A brochure that explains what participation in NAEP means for you and your child is available at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/pdf/parents/2012469.pdf>. Contact Marianne at 742-4951 or at pedersen_marianne@asdk12.org if you have any questions.

We are excited that our school is participating in NAEP. We know that Steller's students will show what our nation's students know and can do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Reed Whitmore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Reed Whitmore