



BEITEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Fourth Grade Parents:

We are pleased to tell you that our school has been selected to represent schools across our state by participating in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). NAEP is given by the U.S. Department of Education and tells us what students nationwide know and can do in key subject areas. It is the only ongoing nationally representative assessment that provides this information.

NAEP has been given in schools nationwide for nearly 50 years. You may have taken the test yourself when you were in school. The results are published in a report called *The Nation's Report Card* which provides reliable student achievement information to educators, parents, and concerned citizens.

The NAEP assessment will be given in our school on Tuesday, January 31. Your child has been selected to take a reading or mathematics assessment. In addition to subject area questions, NAEP also asks students about their daily routine and their educational experiences. For example, students are asked if there is a computer at home and about the amount of reading they do. All student responses are anonymous and confidential in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347.

It will take approximately 90 to 120 minutes for students to complete NAEP. Your child's grades will not be affected; he or she may be excused from participation for any reason, is not required to finish the assessment, and may omit any test question(s). While NAEP is voluntary, we depend on student participation to collect information on student achievement that will inform improvements in education. **Your child's test performance will represent many other students across Wyoming, so participation is very important.** However, if you do not want your child to participate, please notify me in writing by Friday, January 27.

There is no need to study in preparation for NAEP. We do ask parents to encourage their children's best efforts and to have them get plenty of rest the night before the assessment.

If you would like to have additional information about NAEP, please consider visiting the NAEP web site at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>. If you have questions or would like to review a booklet that includes the background questions and sample assessment questions, please contact me at 721-4436 or via email at lengel@acsd1.org.

We are excited that our school will be participating in NAEP. We know that our students at Beitel will do their very best!

Sincerely,

Loren Engel
Beitel Elementary Principal

