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20th Anniversary Conference

March 4, 2009
National Press Club
529 14th Street, N.W., 13th Floor
Washington, DC 20045

20th Anniversary Conference Program
NAEP and the Progress of Education in America

1:00 – 1:30 pm
Ballroom

Welcome
Darvin Winick
Chair, National Assessment Governing Board

Amanda Avallone
Vice Chair, National Assessment Governing Board

Mary Crovo
Interim Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board

Keynote Speakers
Honorable Lamar Alexander
U.S. Senator, Tennessee

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
U.S. Senator, Massachusetts (invited)

1:40 – 2:35 pm

Concurrent Panels

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NAEP and the States
Henry Johnson
Former Assistant U.S. Secretary of Education

Mark D. Musick
Professor, East Tennessee State University

Steven Paine
West Virginia State Superintendent of Schools

Gene Wilhoit
Executive Director, Council of Chief State School Officers

Moderator: David Driscoll
Former Massachusetts Commissioner of Education

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Achievement Gaps
Peggy Carr
Associate Commissioner, National Center for Education Statistics

Michael Casserly
Executive Director, Council of the Great City Schools

Kati Haycock
President, Education Trust

Michael Nettles
Senior Vice President, Educational Testing Service

Moderator: Richard Boyd
Former Mississippi State Superintendent of Education

2:45 – 3:35 pm

Concurrent Panels

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Grade 12 NAEP: Measuring Preparedness for College and Work
George Thornton, *Professor, Colorado State University*

Christine Johnson
Assistant to the Provost, University of Colorado, Denver

Charles Kolb
President, Committee for Economic Development

John Stevens
Former Executive Director, Texas Business and Education Coalition

Moderator: Jay Mathews
Education Columnist, Washington Post

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Testing Students With Disabilities and English Language Learners
Daniel Domenech
Executive Director, American Association of School Administrators

Miriam K. Freedman
Attorney and Author

Sharif Shakrani
Professor, Michigan State University

Martha Thurlow
Director, National Center on Educational Outcomes

Moderator: Mary Blanton
Attorney

3:45 – 4:00 pm
Ballroom

Remarks
Honorable Arne Duncan
U.S. Secretary of Education

4:00 – 5:00 pm

Plenary Panel

Ballroom

NAEP and Standards for American Education
Michael Cohen
President, Achieve, Inc.

Chester E. Finn, Jr.
President, Thomas B. Fordham Foundation

Jack Jennings
Director, Center on Education Policy

Diane Ravitch
Research Professor, New York University

Moderator: Richard Whitmire
President, Education Writers Association