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NATIONAL ASSESSMENT GOVERNING BOARD
20TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

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National Press Club
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20th Anniversary Conference Program

NAEP and the Progress of Education in America

1:00 – 1:30 pm Ballroom	Welcome Darvin Winick <i>Chair, National Assessment Governing Board</i> Amanda Avallone <i>Vice Chair, National Assessment Governing Board</i> Mary Crovo <i>Interim Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board</i> Keynote Speakers Honorable Lamar Alexander <i>U.S. Senator, Tennessee</i> Honorable Edward M. Kennedy <i>U.S. Senator, Massachusetts (invited)</i>
1:40 – 2:35 pm Holeman	Concurrent Panels NAEP and the States Henry Johnson <i>Former Assistant U.S. Secretary of Education</i> Mark D. Musick <i>Professor, East Tennessee State University</i> Steven Paine <i>West Virginia State Superintendent of Schools</i> Gene Wilhoit <i>Executive Director, Council of Chief State School Officers</i> Moderator: David Driscoll <i>Former Massachusetts Commissioner of Education</i>
Ballroom	Achievement Gaps Peggy Carr <i>Associate Commissioner, National Center for Education Statistics</i> Michael Casserly <i>Executive Director, Council of the Great City Schools</i> Kati Haycock <i>President, Education Trust</i> Michael Nettles <i>Senior Vice President, Educational Testing Service</i> Moderator: Richard Boyd <i>Former Mississippi State Superintendent of Education</i>

2:45 – 3:35 pm Ballroom	Concurrent Panels Grade 12 NAEP: Measuring Preparedness for College and Work George Thornton, <i>Professor, Colorado State University</i> Christine Johnson <i>Assistant to the Provost, University of Colorado, Denver</i> Charles Kolb <i>President, Committee for Economic Development</i> John Stevens <i>Former Executive Director, Texas Business and Education Coalition</i> Moderator: Jay Mathews <i>Education Columnist, Washington Post</i>
Holeman	Testing Students With Disabilities and English Language Learners Daniel Domenech <i>Executive Director, American Association of School Administrators</i> Miriam K. Freedman <i>Attorney and Author</i> Sharif Shakrani <i>Professor, Michigan State University</i> Martha Thurlow <i>Director, National Center on Educational Outcomes</i> Moderator: Mary Blanton <i>Attorney</i>
3:45 – 4:00 pm Ballroom	Remarks Honorable Arne Duncan <i>U.S. Secretary of Education</i>
4:00 – 5:00 pm Ballroom	Plenary Panel NAEP and Standards for American Education Michael Cohen <i>President, Achieve, Inc.</i> Chester E. Finn, Jr. <i>President, Thomas B. Fordham Foundation</i> Jack Jennings <i>Director, Center on Education Policy</i> Diane Ravitch <i>Research Professor, New York University</i> Moderator: Richard Whitmire <i>President, Education Writers Association</i>