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Governing Board Seeks New Member Nominations for 2012 *Deadline for Submissions is September 30, 2011*

WASHINGTON – (August 10, 2011) – The national, bipartisan board that oversees The Nation’s Report Card—which informs the public about student achievement nationwide in a number of core subjects—is seeking nominations for five positions.

The National Assessment Governing Board (www.nagb.org) is seeking public input to identify qualified candidates to serve a four-year term beginning Oct. 1, 2012. Congress established the 26-member Governing Board to set policy for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), also known as The Nation’s Report Card.

“Because NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what America’s students know and can do in various subject areas, future Board members will play an important role in shaping how our nation measures student achievement,” said Governing Board Chairman David P. Driscoll.

The five available Board positions are designated for members in the following categories:

1. Testing and Measurement Expert
2. Local Board of Education Member
3. State Legislator (Republican)
4. Non-Public School Administrator
5. General Public Representative

“With so many important education policy decisions on the horizon, we want members who are passionate and committed to finding ways to close the achievement gaps among U.S. students and significantly improve student performance overall to successfully compete with students around the world,” Driscoll said.

Board member nominations are vetted for both qualifications and reflection of regional, racial/ethnic, gender, and cultural diversity. The Board meets four times a year and members serve as special federal employees.

U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan will make the appointments from a list of finalists. The term for each of the positions is Oct.1, 2012 to Sept. 30, 2016. To nominate an individual or yourself, submit a letter stating the nomination category and a description of the candidate's qualifications to meet the Board's policy responsibilities. Also submit a full resume or curriculum vitae. Nominees may submit an optional statement (250 words or less) explaining their interest in serving on the Board.

The deadline for submitting nominations is Sept. 30, 2011. Forward all materials via mail or email to:

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The National Assessment Governing Board is an independent, bipartisan board whose members include governors, state legislators, local and state school officials, educators, business representatives, and members of the general public. Congress created the 26-member Governing Board in 1988 to oversee and set policy for NAEP.

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is the only nationally representative, continuing evaluation of the condition of education in the United States. It has served as a national yardstick of student achievement since 1969. Through The Nation's Report Card, NAEP informs the public about what America's students know and can do in various subject areas, and compares achievement between states, large urban districts, and various student demographic groups.