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U.S. Education Secretary Appoints Jhone Ebert, Nevada Superintendent of Public Instruction, to National Assessment Governing Board

Washington, D.C. — U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona today appointed Jhone Ebert, Superintendent of Public Instruction in Nevada, to the [National Assessment Governing Board](#), which sets policy for the Nation's Report Card.

The [Nation's Report Card](#), also known as the National Assessment of Educational Progress, or NAEP, is the only nationally representative assessment of student achievement. Over the past year, NAEP has provided critical insights into student learning across subjects and grades worsened by the pandemic. In addition, accompanying survey data has revealed important trends related to chronic absenteeism, literacy, and teacher confidence in getting students back on track.

Ebert fills a spot on the Governing Board reserved for a chief state school officer. She began her career as a math teacher in the Clark County School District and has served as the chief state school officer under both Democratic and Republican governors in Nevada. As Superintendent of Public Instruction, she spearheaded a successful update to the state's funding formula. She also led Nevada's K-12 pandemic response and continues to respond to post-pandemic academic needs of Nevada's education system. Under her guidance, Nevada has become a leader in computer science education. Ebert serves on the boards of the Education Commission of the States, WestEd, and Communities in Schools Leadership Circle.

"I'm pleased to appoint Superintendent Ebert, a distinguished educator and a chief state school officer with years of expertise and experience, to the National Assessment Governing Board," said Secretary Cardona, "As we work to Raise the Bar for academic excellence at this critical moment in our students' continued recovery from the pandemic, it's vital that we have the evidence-based insights and contributions of proven education leaders to guide decision-making, particularly in how we assess students' academic achievement. I'm grateful to Superintendent Ebert for her service."

"I'm honored to welcome Superintendent Ebert to the Governing Board and, together, continuing the pressing work of understanding whether, to what degree, and where the nation is making academic gains," said Lesley

Muldoon, executive director of the Governing Board. “The Nation’s Report Card serves as a catalyst for action to improve student achievement, and state chiefs like Ebert inform and drive that vital work.”

“The Nation’s Report Card plays a pivotal role in shaping our understanding of educational progress and informing policy and practice decisions; and as a state leader, I am committed to leveraging its insights to drive positive change for Nevadans and for the country,” said Jhone Ebert.

The nonpartisan 26-member Governing Board was established by Congress to set policy for the Nation's Report Card. The board decides what grades and subjects to assess, content to include, and achievement levels. It works with the National Center for Education Statistics, which administers NAEP, to release and disseminate results.