

National Assessment Governing Board

Partially Closed Session

Report of August 2, 2013

Under the provisions of exemption 9(B) of section 552b(C) of Title 5 U.S.C. the National Assessment Governing Board met in closed session on August 2, 2013 from 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. to receive a briefing on the 2013 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Reading and Mathematics Report Cards.

Peggy Carr, Associate Commissioner, National Center for Education Statistics, provided an embargoed briefing on results from the NAEP 2013 Reading and Mathematics NAEP assessments. She noted that these results must be reported within six months of data collection. The assessments took place between January and March 2013.

Ms. Carr described key features of the Reading and Mathematics assessments. She reported that the assessments were administered to national samples of 377,000 4th graders and 342,000 8th graders. Results will be available for the nation, 50 states, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense school system. Results from the Trial Urban District Assessments (TUDAs) will become available at a later date. Performance is reported in terms of average scale scores and achievement levels—Basic, Proficient, and Advanced.

Ms. Carr provided highlights of the Reading and Mathematics results for the nation and states. She described changes in scale scores from prior assessments and presented data by achievement levels. Ms. Carr depicted changes in average scores from the earliest assessment year and from 2011 to 2013, and she provided highlights of score point changes, as well as changes in the achievement level results.

Ms. Carr described the NAEP quality control procedures that NCES and NAEP contractors are currently engaged in conducting, prior to releasing the results. These analyses include examination of factors such as population shifts, policy changes, sampling, and measurement to ensure that the data are accurate. Ms. Carr noted that these analyses are not yet complete.

I certify the accuracy of these minutes.



David Driscoll, Chairman

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Date