ACTION: Resolution to Request Postponing NAEP Reading and Mathematics from 2028 to 2029

Goal

The purpose of this session is for members to take action on a resolution requesting that Congress return main NAEP administration to odd years, off-cycle from federal elections, as had been longstanding practice prior to the pandemic.

Overview

A vote will be taken on the resolution.

Background

The administration of NAEP off-cycle from federal midterm and presidential elections was longstanding practice that was disrupted when Congress provided an emergency waiver, moving the planned 2021 administration to 2022, due to the pandemic.

In 2023, the Board approved a resolution requesting that Congress postpone the reading and mathematics assessment scheduled for 2026 to 2027, with subsequent assessments every two years thereafter, to ensure that the reading and mathematics assessments are administered off-cycle from federal midterm and presidential elections. However, Congress did not act on that resolution and preparations are well underway for the 2026 administration.