



# NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS

## *The "Gold Standard" of Educational Assessment*

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March 3, 2009

Ms. Beatrice Moskowitz, Principal  
2009 NAEP School Coordinator  
Robert Mascenik School #26  
300 Benjamin Avenue  
Iselin, New Jersey 08830

Dear Ms. Moskowitz:

Let me take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the outstanding work you did in preparing the Robert Mascenik School for participation in the 2009 National Assessment of Educational Progress.

On behalf of the Governing Board of the National Assessment of Educational Progress and the United States Department of Education Institute of Education Sciences, it gives me great pleasure to present you with this special commemorative certificate as a token of our appreciation for your participation in this essential measure of student achievement in America.

The students of Mascenik School are to be commended for their commitment to educational excellence—they are indeed fortunate to have such a dedicated faculty and hard-working administrative staff that are willing to go that "extra mile" to ensure that *all students* achieve school success.

Best regards,

Henry B. Dissinger, Ph.D.  
NAEP Representative for Central New Jersey  
National Center for Education Statistics  
United States Department of Education Institute of Education Sciences

cc: Dr. John A. Crowe, Superintendent of Schools  
Woodbridge Township School District



## WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Robert Mascenik School #26

300 Benjamin Ave.  
Iselin, NJ 08830  
732 602-8526

Beatrice Moskowitz  
*Principal*

January 7, 2009

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to tell you that our school has been selected to represent schools across our state by participating in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). NAEP is given by the U.S. Department of Education and tells us what American students know and can do in key subject areas. It is the only ongoing nationally representative assessment that provides this valuable information.

NAEP has been given in schools nationwide for more than 40 years. You may have taken the test yourself when you were in school. The results are published in a report called *The Nation's Report Card* which provides reliable student achievement information to educators, parents, and other citizens.

In our school, the NAEP assessment will be given on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 in reading and mathematics. Your child has been selected to take the assessment. In addition to subject area questions, students will be asked some background questions such as how often they use computers and what types of classes they take.

It will take approximately 90 minutes for students to complete the NAEP. The results are completely confidential, and your child's grades will not be affected. Your child may be excused from participation for any reason, is not required to finish the assessment, and is not required to answer any test question. While NAEP is voluntary, without student participation we can not collect information on student achievement to make improvements in education. **Your child will represent many other students, so participation is very important.** However, if you do not want your child to participate, please notify me in writing.

There is no need to study in preparation for NAEP. We do ask parents to encourage their children's best efforts and to have them get plenty of rest the night before the assessment.

If you would like to have additional information about NAEP, please visit the web site at: <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>. You may also contact me at 732 602-8526.

We are excited that our school will be participating in NAEP, and we are pleased that your child has been selected. **We know that Robert Mascenik's students will help us to show the achievement of American students!**

Sincerely,

  
Beatrice Moskowitz