

# **Discussion and ACTION: Release Plan for the 2024 Nation's Report Card: Reading and Mathematics, Grades 4 and 8**

## **Goal**

The purpose of this session is to share with Board members the proposed plan to release the 2024 Nation's Report Card in Reading and Mathematics for Grades 4 and 8. The Reporting and Dissemination Committee has developed, discussed, and revised this plan. This committee will have approved the plan by the time it reaches the Board on Friday, November 15 for discussion, possible revision, and approval by the full Board.

## **Overview**

Julia Rafal-Baer, chair of the Reporting and Dissemination Committee, will present the release plan to the Board, as developed in concert with the National Center for Education Statistics and as approved by the R&D committee members. The plan will be sent to Board members under separate cover; any revisions made during the Reporting and Dissemination Committee meeting on November 14 will be explained by the Reporting and Dissemination Committee Chair during the presentation. Rafal-Baer will invite Board members to ask questions and suggest changes to the release plan. After this discussion, the Board will take a vote to approve the release plan. The release plan then will be executed by Board staff and contractors at the date and time agreed upon with the National Center for Education Statistics.

## **Background**

Congress gave the National Assessment Governing Board the responsibility to plan and execute the initial release of results from the National Assessment of Educational Progress. Board staff and contractors collaborate with staff from the National Center for Education Statistics and their contractors to develop a plan that will release the results with optimal impact, widest dissemination, and the greatest utility to the most stakeholders.

Members of the Reporting and Dissemination Committee receive early access to viewing the report card site so as to provide feedback on the report in advance of the official release. Once Reporting and Dissemination Committee members and NCES staff iterate on any feedback, the committee approves the report card for official release.

Additionally, the Reporting and Dissemination Committee reviews the release plan, recommends revisions and changes, then approves and presents the final plan to the Board for approval. The Board then votes to amend and/or approve the release plan.

The plan for this release differs from past iterations, which have centered efforts on a two-hour release event. These events garner relatively small audiences beyond NAEP staff and occur after millions have read the results in the morning headlines. The new plan prioritizes what media and approaches will provide the best opportunities for the broadest impact. More details can be found in the release plan accompanying this session summary.