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I am pleased to announce that our school has been selected to participate in the 2011 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), often referred to as the *Nation's Report Card*. NAEP is a program of the United States Department of Education and is an ongoing assessment of what our elementary, middle, and high school students know and can do in various academic subjects.

The NAEP assessment will take place on **2/23/2011**. A random sample of our **eighth** grade students will be selected to take a reading, mathematics, **or** science assessment, and your child may be selected. The assessments will take only 90 minutes. Students do not need to study in preparation for NAEP; however, we do ask you to encourage your child/children to do their best on this important assessment.

Participation in NAEP is confidential. This means that the names of students who take part in the assessment are not recorded on any materials that leave the school, and your child's grades or progress in school will not be affected in any way. Results for individual students, schools, or school divisions will not be reported.

In addition to subject-area questions, background information is collected to enrich the reporting of NAEP results by examining factors related to academic achievement. Background questions do not address personal feelings or attitudes. Students may omit any question or part of the assessment that they do not wish to answer.

By taking part in NAEP, students contribute to improving American education and ensuring that all of our children receive the education they deserve. NAEP appreciates the participation of each child selected. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Sydra Moore at 963-5370 or by e-mail smoore@tazewell.k12.va.us.

For more information about NAEP, please visit <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>. A sample questions booklet that contains student background questions and examples of test questions similar to those asked in this year's assessment is available both on the NAEP Web site and at the school office.