



STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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State Superintendent of Education

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Alabama  
State Board  
of Education

**MEMORANDUM**

Governor Kay Ivey  
President

**TO:** City and County Superintendents

Jackie Zeigler  
District I  
Vice President

**FROM:** Eric G. Mackey   
State Superintendent of Education

Tracie West  
District II

**RE:** NAEP Postponement

Stephanie Bell  
District III

I hope that you are preparing for some much-deserved time to rest and rejuvenate over the long Thanksgiving holiday weekend. I would not normally write you this close to the holidays, but I have just received official notice from the National Assessment Governing Board that the previously scheduled National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) mathematics and reading tests for Grades 4 and 8 have been postponed from 2021 to 2022.

Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.  
District IV  
President Pro Tem

Therefore, Alabama schools will not administer the NAEP in January 2021 as previously planned. Though details have not been determined, the notice states that the tests will be rescheduled for 2022 (as opposed to simply skipping the 2021 administration and restarting the tests in 2023). We will share information with you and your test coordinators as more details are determined.

Tommie T. Stewart, Ph.D.  
District V

EGM:LAK

Cynthia McCarty, Ph.D.  
District VI

cc: System Test Coordinators  
System Curriculum Coordinators  
Dr. Daniel Boyd  
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Mrs. Maggie Hicks

Jeff Newman  
District VII

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District VIII

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