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National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2013
PARENT / GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION LETTER
Grade 12 Mathematics and Reading

January 11, 2013

Dear Parent or Guardian of a Senior Elk:

We are pleased to inform you that Elk Rapids High School has been selected to represent the nation's schools by participating in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). NAEP is the largest nationally representative assessment of students across the country, and is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the US Department of Education. NAEP, which has been administered since 1969, is different from other assessments because it provides a common measure of student achievement across the country. NAEP results are published in a report called *The Nation's Report Card*, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents, policymakers, and the public.

In our school, the NAEP assessment will be administered to seniors on Thursday, March 7th, 2013. Your child has been selected to take either a math OR reading assessment. In addition to answering questions in one of these subjects, students will be asked some questions about themselves and their educational experiences.

A majority of students will take approximately 90 minutes to complete the assessment. The results are completely confidential (in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347), and the information given will be used only for statistical purposes. Your child's grades will NOT be affected. Your child may be excused from participation for any reason, is not required to complete the assessment, and may skip any test question. While NAEP is voluntary, we depend on the participation of students to provide an accurate measure of student achievement as a basis for 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 by Monday, January 28th.

Your child does NOT need to study in preparation for NAEP. However, we ask parents to encourage their children to do their best and make sure that they get plenty of rest the night before the test and a well-balanced breakfast the morning of the test.

For additional information about NAEP or to view sample subject area and student questions, please visit http://nationsreportcard.gov/parents.asp. If you have any questions, please contact me at 231.264.8108 or by email at mtravis@erschools.com.

We are very excited that our school will participate in NAEP, and we are pleased that your child has been selected. We know that our seniors at Elk Rapids High School will help us show what America's students know and can do.

Sincerely,

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