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**NAEP 2018 PARENT/GUARDIAN MAKE-UP NOTIFICATION LETTER  
Civics, geography, and U.S. history assessments**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Conackamack Middle School participated in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in various subjects. It is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S. Department of Education. NAEP is different from our state assessment because it provides a common measure of student achievement across the country. The results are released as The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents, policymakers, and the public.

Your child was absent today and will take the make-up assessment on Friday, February 23, 2018 at 8:30am.

The assessment takes about 90 to 120 minutes for most students. The results are completely confidential (in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347).

**The information collected is used for statistical purposes only.**

- Your child's grades will not be affected.
- Students may be excused for any reason, are not required to complete the assessment, and may skip any question.
- While the assessment is voluntary, NAEP depends on student participation to help policymakers improve education. However, if you do not want your child to participate, please notify Dr. Cetta in writing by February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

There is no need to study in preparation for NAEP, but please encourage your child to do their best. A brochure that explains what participation in NAEP means for you and your child is available at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/pdf/parents/2012469.pdf>. Contact Dr. Maria A. Cetta at 732.699.1577 or at [mcetta@pway.org](mailto:mcetta@pway.org) if you have any questions.

We are excited that our school is participating in NAEP. We know that Conackamack's students will show what our nation's students know and can do.

Sincerely,

Principal

