District Name: <a href="mailto:wDistrict\_Name">wDistrict\_Name</a>»
School Name: <a href="mailto:«School\_Name">«School\_Name»</a>

Dear «Technology\_Coordinator\_Fname» «Technology\_Coordinator\_Lname»,

Welcome to the 2026 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students in the United States know and can do in various subjects. It is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the U.S. Department of Education. The NAEP 2026 program will assess students in mathematics, reading, civics, or U.S. history on an online platform using NAEP or school devices.

You have been selected by your district to complete the NAEP 2026 School Technology Survey. As in previous years, NAEP representatives provide significant support to schools. The NAEP program will be administered on school-managed or NAEP devices. To determine each school's ability to support the administration of NAEP using school-managed devices, we need to understand the technical specifications of the devices used for testing for NAEP-selected schools within your district.

## **Technology Coordinator Attention Needed**

We look forward to working with you to make NAEP a positive experience in your district. By working together with the designated School Coordinator, to be determined at a later date, you can ensure that everything goes smoothly on assessment day.

- Review the attached District Schools Selected for NAEP 2026 (District Name, School Name, Grade, Subjects, and NAEP ID).
- 2. Review the eNAEP Download Center.
- 3. **Ensure** each student will have a device in good condition plus the school should have 1-3 extra devices in case of technical issues on assessment day (to be determined in November).
- 4. Complete the NAEP 2026 School Technology Survey by Friday, August 22nd.

Again, thank you for your assistance with this important assessment of our nation's students. For technical information, visit the **eNAEP Download Center** or contact the NAEP Help Desk at (800) 283-6237 or **naephelp@westat.com**. If you have NAEP questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



## **Shantel Niederstadt, NAEP State Coordinator**

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