# Discussion and ACTION: Release Plan for NAEP 2026 Reading and Mathematics Results

## Goal

The purpose of this session is to share with Board members the proposed plan to release results from the 2026 NAEP Reading and Mathematics Results. The Reporting and Dissemination Committee developed, discussed, and revised this plan. This committee will have approved the plan by the time it reaches the Board on Friday for discussion, possible revision, and approval by the full Board.

## Overview

The release plan in the advance materials is a draft, developed in concert with the National Center for Education Statistics. The Reporting and Dissemination (R&D) Committee will review and approve the release plan at their Thursday committee meeting. Any changes to the draft will be made that day and then discussed in the plenary session on Friday when Michelle Cantú-Wilson, vice chair of the R&D Committee, will present the release plan to the Board. Cantú-Wilson will invite Board members to ask questions and recommend any changes. After this discussion, the Board will take a vote to approve the release plan. The release plan then will be executed by Board staff and contractors at the date and time agreed upon with the National Center for Education Statistics.

## Background

Congress gave the National Assessment Governing Board the responsibility to plan and execute the initial release of results from the National Assessment of Educational Progress. Board staff and contractors collaborate with staff from the National Center for Education Statistics and their contractors to develop a plan that will release the results with optimal impact, widest dissemination, and the greatest utility to the most stakeholders.

Members of the Reporting and Dissemination Committee receive early access to the report card site to provide feedback on the report in advance of the official release. Once Reporting and Dissemination Committee members and NCES staff iterate on any feedback, the committee approves the report card for official release.

Additionally, the Reporting and Dissemination Committee reviews the release plan, recommends revisions and changes, then approves and presents the final plan to the Board for approval. The Board then votes to amend and/or approve the release plan.