

**ERIE COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL
PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM**

DATE: January 20, 2010

SUBJECT: Student Testing—National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP)

CATEGORY: Operations

INITIATED BY: Aldo Jackson

DESCRIPTION: As part of our participation in the PDE Technical Assistance Program, one of the requirements is to participate in the NAEP testing as a means to measure improvement in the academic achievement of our students. Our NAEP testing is sponsored by the Southern Regional Education Board, Tech Centers that Work initiative in cooperation with PDE.

The NAEP is the only nationally representative and continuing assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subject areas. Assessments are conducted periodically in mathematics, reading, science, writing, the arts, civics, economics, geography, and U.S. history.

Since NAEP assessments are administered uniformly using the same sets of test booklets across the nation, NAEP results serve as a common metric for all states and selected urban districts. The assessment stays essentially the same from year to year, with only carefully documented changes. This permits NAEP to provide a clear picture of student academic progress over time.

Sixty ECTS seniors have been randomly selected to participate in the NAEP. They will take tests in mathematics, language arts and science. They will also complete a survey about their school and academic experience. Testing is scheduled for Monday, February 1, continue on Tuesday, February 2, and finish on Monday, February 8. Per board Policy 235—Students Rights/Surveys, it is best the operating committee approve the testing and survey.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the participation of students in the National Assessment of Educational Progress as part of PDE's Technical Assistance Program.