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*Mission: Each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.*

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## **NAEP 2019 PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION LETTER Grades 4 and 8 – Mathematics, reading, or science assessments**

**January 18, 2019**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

**Mifflin Middle School** will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on **Tuesday January 29, 2019**. NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in various subjects. NAEP is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S. Department of Education. NAEP is different from our state assessments because it is a common measure of 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 will take an assessment in mathematics, reading, or science. In addition to the one subject area questions, NAEP survey questionnaires are voluntarily completed by students. **Your child may also receive an extended questionnaire that takes up to 10 more minutes and asks additional contextual questions.** The questionnaires help by providing valuable information about participating students' educational experiences and opportunities to learn both in and out of the classroom. More information about NAEP survey questionnaires is available at <https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/parents> under the section "What Questions Are on the Test?" 2019 (available in Dec./Jan.) and previous questionnaires are available at [https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/experience/survey\\_questionnaires.aspx](https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/experience/survey_questionnaires.aspx).

Assessments take about 90-120 minutes for most students, including transition time and directions, etc.

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

- Your student's grades will not be affected.
- Students may skip any question.
- Students may be excused for any reason and are not required to complete the assessment or questionnaire.
- While the assessment is voluntary, NAEP depends on student participation to help policymakers improve education. However, if you do not want your student to participate, please notify me in writing by **Thursday January 24, 2019**.

There is no need to study in preparation for NAEP, but please encourage your child to do his or her 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 our Testing Coordinator: Rashaun James at (614) 365-5474 or at [rjames6097@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:rjames6097@columbus.k12.oh.us) if you have any questions.

We know that **Mifflin Middle School**'s students will show what our nation's students know and can do.

Sincerely,

**Tracey Colson, Principal**

*National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) is authorized to conduct NAEP by the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act (20 U.S.C. §9622) and to collect students' education records from education agencies or institutions for the purposes of evaluating federally supported education programs under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA, 34 CFR §§ 99.31(a)(3)(iii) and 99.35). All of the information provided by participants may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (20 U.S.C. §9573 and 6 U.S.C. §151). By law, every NCES employee as well as every NCES agent, such as contractors and NAEP coordinators, has taken an oath and is subject to a jail term of up to 5 years, a fine of \$250,000, or both if he or she willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about participants. Electronic submission of participant's information will be monitored for viruses, malware, and other threats by Federal employees and contractors in accordance with the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015. The collected information will be combined across respondents to produce statistical reports.*