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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

KPBSD MEMO

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

2017 "Nations Report Card" released, Alaska must improve

Soldotna, April 10, 2018— The National Center for Educational Statistics released spring 2017 results from the NAEP assessment. NAEP is a 4th and 8th grade test, and results for the "Nations Report Card" includes a randomly selected, representative sample of Alaskan students from across the State for final results. "Though many of our students are learning well at school, a large and tragic achievement gap exists," said [Alaska Education Commissioner Dr. Michael Johnson](#). "These results confirm what we learned from PEAKS last school year, our statewide summative assessment. We must be dissatisfied with these numbers. Together, I am confident that together we can close the achievement gap and implement positive changes to ensure every Alaskan student has the opportunity to learn and succeed."

"NAEP is a national assessment in which only a small number of KPBSD students were randomly selected to participate," said Superintendent Sean Dusek. "NAEP results are not available at a district level and are only one snapshot of how the State performs as a whole every two years, and we are not satisfied with the State results. KPBSD is further convinced that now, more than ever, our district determination to meet the individual needs of every student through [personalized learning](#) is essential and will build success.

KPBSD has developed a number of [key performance indicators \(KPIs\)](#) that define what our students need to know throughout the KPBSD instructional system. These indicators provide a broader picture of what each of our individual students is achieving and how they are growing academically in any given school year. KPBSD will continue to work hard to meet the ever growing demands and diverse experiences of our students. We are very proud of our KPBSD individual students' growth, graduation rates, and industry certifications earned each year."

Helpful NAEP links for you

- Commissioner Johnson recorded a [video message](#) for you about Alaska's 2017 NAEP results
- State NAEP information, and the video, can be found at [Alaska Department of Education and Early Development \(DEED\) NAEP webpage](#)
- National results are available on NAEP's website at <http://www.nationsreportcard.gov/>
- DEED's [Data Center webpage](#) reflects State results and district-level report cards to the public

About the NAEP assessment

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is a continuing and nationally representative measure of trends in academic achievement of U.S. elementary and secondary students in various subjects. [Learn more about NAEP.](#)

KPBSD: ONE DISTRICT, FORTY-FOUR DIVERSE SCHOOLS

The mission of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is to empower all learners to positively shape their futures.

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