



# Shore Regional High School District

Monmouth Beach – Oceanport – Sea Bright – West Long Branch

## *NAEP 2011 PARENT / GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION LETTER*

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are pleased to tell you that Shore Regional High School has been selected to represent schools across our state and the nation by participating in the National Assessment of Educational Programs (NAEP). NAEP is given by the National Center for Education Statistics within the U.S. Department of Education and tells us what our nation's students know and can do in key subject areas. It is the largest continuing and nationally representative assessment and has been providing valid and reliable data on student performance since 1969.

The results of NAEP are published in a report called The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents, policymakers, and the public.

At Shore Regional, the NAEP computer-based assessment will be given on Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Your child may be selected to take this assessment. Thirty senior students are randomly selected to participate in the assessment. In addition to subject area questions, students will be asked some questions about themselves and their educational experience. You can access student and sample assessment questions at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/parents/>.

It will take approximately 120 minutes for a student to complete the NAEP assessment. The results are completely confidential (in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347), and your child's grades will not be affected. Your child may be excused from participation for any reason, is not required to finish the assessment, and may skip any test question. While NAEP is voluntary, we depend on student participation to provide an accurate measure of student achievement that will inform improvements in education. If randomly selected, your child will represent many other students, so participation is very important. However, if you do not want your child to participate, please notify me in writing by Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

There is no need to study in preparation for NAEP. We do ask parents to encourage their children to do their best and to have them get plenty of rest the night before the assessment.

We are excited that Shore Regional High School will be participating in NAEP, and we are pleased that your child may be selected. We know that our students will help show what our nation's students know and can do.

Sincerely,

Shore Regional High School  
Administration Team