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Dear Parent or Guardian:

School No.6/Middle School has been selected to represent schools across the United States of America by taking the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The NAEP is given by the National Center of Education Statistics (NCES) out of Washington, D.C., and is not a part of the New Jersey Department of Education state tests or PARCC. The NAEP is voluntary, and student participation provides information that can help lead to improvements in education nationwide. There is no grade for NAEP, and the individual student results are not given to our school, district, or the state. In addition, NAEP has no impact on the school's accountability record or teacher evaluation.

In our school, the NAEP test will be given on March 8, 2017. Your child has been selected to take an assessment on a tablet brought to our school by NAEP. In addition to answering the test questions, students will be asked questions about themselves and their educational experiences here at our school. If you would like to see some sample subject area and background questions, please visit <http://nationsreportcard.gov/parents.asp>.

It will take about 2 hours for most students to take the test. All of the results from this test are completely confidential (Public Law 107-347, Title V, Subtitle A: Confidential Information Protection), and will be used for statistical purposes only.

Information regarding your child's participation in NAEP:

- Your child's grades will not be affected by this test.
- Your child will not receive a score for the NAEP test.
- Your child's answers to the questions on the NAEP test will not be shared with the school, district, or State Department of Education.
- Your child may be excused from taking the test for any reason, does not have to finish the whole test, and may skip any questions that he/she find too hard or stressful.

If you do not want your child to participate in NAEP, please notify me in writing by Friday, March 3, 2017.

Your child does not have to study to get ready to take NAEP. We do ask, however, that you encourage your child to do their best and get plenty of rest the night before the assessment. You can read the brochure that explains NAEP at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/pdf/parents/2012469.pdf>.

If you have questions, or if you would like a paper copy of the brochure, please contact me at 201-313-2360 or at mbucco@cliffsidepark.edu. We are excited that our school will be participating in NAEP and that your child has been selected.

Sincerely,

Michael Bucco
School Principal