

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for the next meeting of the Presidential Advisory Committee on High Performance Computing and Communications, Information Technology, and the Next Generation Internet. The meeting will be open to the public. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, (Pub. L. 92-463).

DATES: March 11, 1998.

ADDRESSES: NSF Board Room (Room 1235), National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND AGENDA: The Presidential Advisory Committee will meet in open session from approximately 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on March 11, 1998. This meeting will include briefings from the Highend Subcommittee and the Broadbased Subcommittee, and update on the activities of the Next Generation Internet initiative, and an interim status report on the past and future activities of this Committee. Time will also be allocated during the meeting for public comments by individuals and organizations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The National Coordination Office for Computing, Information, and Communications provides information about this Committee on its web site at: <http://www.ccic.gov>; it can also be reached at (703) 306-4722. Public seating for this meeting is limited, and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dated: February 12, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U. S. C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: February 13, 1998.

Gloria Parker,

Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of the Under Secretary

Type of Review: New.

Title: Local Implementation of Federal Programs.

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 3,236.

Burden Hours: 3,329.

Abstract: The Department of Education is charged with evaluating Title I of ESEA and other elementary and secondary education legislation enacted by the 103rd Congress. This study will collect information on the operations and effects at the district level of legislative provisions and federal assistance, in the context of state education reform efforts. Findings will be used in reporting to Congress and improving information dissemination. Respondents are local superintendents, directors of federal programs, directors of research and assessment, and school principals.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES: March 5-7, 1998.

TIME: March 5, Achievement Levels Committee, 2:00-4:00 p.m. (open); Subject Area Committee #1, 2:00-3:00 p.m. (open), 3:00-4:00 p.m. (closed); Executive Committee, 5:00-6:00 p.m. (open), 6:00-7:00 p.m. (closed). March 6, Full Board, 8:30-10:00 a.m. (open); Design and Methodology Committee 9:30-11:30 a.m. (open); Reporting and Dissemination Committee, 9:30-11:30 a.m. (open); Joint Meeting Subject Area Committee #1 and #2, 9:30-11:30 a.m. (open); Full Board 11:30-4:45 p.m. (open). March 7, Nominations Committee, 7:30-9:00 a.m. (open); Full Board 9:00 a.m.-adjournment, approximately 12:00 noon, (open).

LOCATION: Four Seasons Olympic Hotel, 411 University Street, Seattle, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Ann Wilmer, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board,

Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20002-4233, Telephone: (202) 357-6938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (Title IV of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994), (Pub. L. 103-382).

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The Board is responsible for selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, identifying appropriate achievement goals for each grade and subject tested, and establishing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons. Under Public Law 105-78, the National Assessment Governing Board is also granted exclusive authority over developing Voluntary National Tests pursuant to contract number RJ97153001 and is required to review and modify the contract to the extent the Board determines necessary, if the contract cannot be modified to the extent the Board determines necessary, the contract shall be terminated and a new contract negotiated.

On March 5, there will be an open meeting of the Achievement Levels Committee from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The Committee will be reviewing the proposed final achievement level descriptions for the 1998 civics and writing assessments. On the Voluntary National Tests, the Committee will examine some of the policy issues related to achievement levels in math and reading.

Also on March 5, there will be two partially closed meetings: Subject Area Committee #1, and the Executive Committee. The Subject Area Committee will meet in open session, 2:00-3:00 p.m., to finalize plans for the report to the Full Board on the Voluntary National Tests specifications in 4th grade reading. In closed session, 3:00-4:00 p.m., the Committee will review the RFP for a NAEP Foreign Language Assessment. This portion of the meeting must be conducted in closed session because premature disclosure of the information presented for review might significantly frustrate a proposed agency action. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

During the open portion of the Executive Committee, 5:00-6:00 p.m., there will be presentations on the following activities: Voluntary National Tests; Reauthorization; Secondary Analysis Grants; and NAEP Redesign.

The Committee will then meet in closed session from 6:00-7:00 p.m., to continue discussion of cost estimates for NAEP and future contract initiatives. This portion of the meeting must be closed because public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial effect on the NAEP program. The discussion of this information would likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

In addition, during the closed portion the Committee will be taking action on personnel appointments for the positions for Assistant Director of Test Development, and Assistant Director for Reporting and Dissemination. The Committee will discuss the qualifications of the individuals recommended for appointment. These discussions will relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency and would disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemptions (2) and (6) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On March 6, the full Board will convene in open session at 8:30 a.m. The agenda for this session of the meeting includes remarks from the Washington State Superintendent of Schools, and an update on NAEP activities.

The Design and Methodology Committee, and the Reporting and Dissemination Committee will each meet in open session from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The Design and Methodology Committee will be reviewing the grant applications for the NAEP cycles 2000-2003, and a proposal for a NAEP 12th grade longitudinal study. On the Voluntary National Tests, the Committee will be focusing on the contractors linking proposal, and the pilot and field test design. The Reporting and Dissemination Committee will review plans for the schedule and release of upcoming NAEP reports, and the contractors proposed plan for reporting and utilizing the results of the Voluntary National Tests.

Subject Area Committees #1 and #2 will meet jointly from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The Committees will hear an update of the plans for the next NAEP assessments, as well as, schedule information on the current NAEP assessments in 1998.

The full Board will reconvene beginning at 11:30 a.m.-12:00 noon to

hear a briefing on the features of the redesign that have been detailed in the NCES grant applications for the next two cooperative agreements for conducting NAEP. These cooperative agreements will cover two operational aspects of NAEP: (1) Data collection, 2000-2003; and (2) development, scoring, analysis, and reporting. The Board will also consider matters related to the Voluntary National Tests which include hearing an overview of activities under the AIR contract through September, and a report, recommendations, and discussions on the math and reading specifications.

On March 7, the Nominations Committee will meet in open session from 7:30-9:00 a.m. The Committee will discuss modification of the calendar for the 1998 nominations process; prepare for the review of resumes; and set a date for finalizing committee recommendations.

Also on March 7, the full Board will meet from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. The Board will hear comments regarding the Voluntary National Tests from the Executive Director of the Council of Great City Schools, and the Superintendent of the Seattle School District. Also, the Board will receive the reports of its committees.

Summaries of the activities of the closed sessions and related matters, which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of Section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dated: February 13, 1998.

Roy Truby,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of meeting (teleconference).

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting (teleconference) of the Executive Committee of the National Educational Research Policy and