



## NATIONAL EDUCATION GOALS PANEL

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## **NATIONAL EDUCATION GOALS PANEL TO CONSIDER SWEEPING CHANGES IN MEASURING EDUCATION PROGRESS**

*February Meeting Will Also See New Panel Chair and Members*

WASHINGTON, D.C. (February 20, 2000) – The National Education Goals Panel will consider calling on the federal government to expand the use of the National Assessment of Education Progress in measuring state education performance during its February 24 winter meeting in Washington, D.C. In addition, the Panel will install its new chair for 2001, and announce the new governors who will become members.

The Panel is considering the call for more NAEP assessments as part of a series of recommendations made to the Panel by the Measuring Success Task Force, an *ad hoc* group of leading educators, policy makers and researchers assembled to evaluate and make recommendations on the best ways to collect and report education data. Former Maine Governor John McKernan chairs the task force. The call to increase NAEP will include subsidizing state costs for administering NAEP. Other task force proposals the Panel will consider include establishing better measures of the links between state standards and policies for certifying teacher education programs and new teachers and developing a regular schedule of participation of international measures of academic performance.

- WHAT:** National Education Goals Panel Winter Meeting  
Report on Measuring Success Task Force Recommendations  
Installation of new chair, new Panel members
- WHO:** Gov. Frank O'Bannon (D-IN), member and in-coming chair  
Gov. Jim Geringer (R-WY), member and chair-elect (2002)  
Gov. Paul Patton (D-KY), member and former chair  
Fmr. Gov. John McKernan (R-ME), chair, Measuring Success Task Force  
Emily Wurtz, acting executive director
- WHEN:** Saturday, February 24, 2000  
9:30 – 11:00 a.m. EST
- WHERE:** National Press Club, Holeman Lounge  
14<sup>th</sup> and F Street, NW, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, D.C.

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