DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
EDUCATION ACTIVITY

SHAPE High School
Unit 21420
APO AE 09705-1420

December 15, 2008

Dear Sponsor:

From January 26 to March 6, 2009, all 4th and 8th grade students in Department of Defense schools are scheduled to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), commonly known as the Nation's Report Card. NAEP is sponsored by the US Department of Education and is designed to test what students know and can do in subjects commonly taught in school. Students from every state will take NAEP tests. Taking the NAEP test is a positive educational experience for students. Results from this test will be used to help the Department of Defense maintain high quality schools for military dependents.

SHAPE 8th graders will take the NAEP test on the morning of Wednesday, January 28.

The 2009 NAEP tests are in reading, mathematics, and science with individual students only tested in one subject for no more than 90 minutes. Results are reported at the state level, that is, for DoDEA as a whole. Results for individual students or schools are not reported. Your child's grades in school will not be affected by participation in the test. Your child's participation in NAEP is completely voluntary. You may choose to have your child left out of participation in NAEP by notifying the school principal in writing using the form at the bottom of this letter.

If you would like more information about the 2009 assessment, NAEP has developed a demonstration booklet that contains samples of the types of reading, mathematics, and writing questions, as well as the background questions that students are asked. To see the demonstration booklet, please contact our school's testing coordinator, Maureen Becker (maureen.becker@eu.dodea.edu). For more information about NAEP, please visit its website at http://www.nationsreportcard.gov.

We want you to know that we appreciate the participation of each child.

Sincerely,

David A. Tran, Principal

REQUEST FOR STUDENT NON-PARTICIPATION IN NAEP TESTING

Please return this form to Maureen Becker c/o SHAPE American High School Main office or attach and email to maureen.becker@eu.dodea.edu

Student Name: _____

__ I do not want my child to participate in the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP)

Sponsor Signature: _____ Date_____