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NAEP and the Progress of Education in America

1:00 – 1:30 pm
Ballroom
Welcome
Darwin Winick
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Keynote Speakers
Honorable Lamar Alexander
U.S. Senator, Tennessee
Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
U.S. Senator, Massachusetts (invited)

1:40 – 2:35 pm
Holeman
Concurrent Panels
NAEP and the States
Henry Johnson
Former Assistant U.S. Secretary of Education
Mark D. Musick
Professor, East Tennessee State University
Steven Paine
West Virginia State Superintendent of Schools
Gene Wilhoit
Executive Director, Council of Chief State School Officers
Moderator: David Driscoll
Former Massachusetts Commissioner of Education

Achievement Gaps
Peggy Carr
Associate Commissioner,
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Michael Casserly
Executive Director, Council of the Great City Schools
Kati Haycock
President, Education Trust
Michael Nettles
Senior Vice President, Educational Testing Service
Moderator: Richard Boyd
Former Mississippi State Superintendent of Education

2:45 – 3:35 pm
Ballroom
Concurrent Panels
Grade 12 NAEP: Measuring Preparedness for College and Work
George Thornton, Professor, Colorado State University
Christine Johnson
Assistant to the Provost, University of Colorado, Denver
Charles Kolb
President, Committee for Economic Development
John Stevens
Former Executive Director, Texas Business and Education Coalition
Moderator: Jay Mathews
Education Columnist, Washington Post

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Testing Students With Disabilities and English Language Learners
Daniel Domenech
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Miriam K. Freedman
Attorney and Author
Sharif Shakrani
Professor, Michigan State University
Martha Thurlow
Director, National Center on Educational Outcomes
Moderator: Mary Blanton
Attorney

3:45 – 4:00 pm
Ballroom
Remarks
Honorable Arne Duncan
U.S. Secretary of Education

4:00 – 5:00 pm
Ballroom
Plenary Panel
NAEP and Standards for American Education
Michael Cohen
President, Achieve, Inc.
Chester E. Finn, Jr.
President, Thomas B. Fordham Foundation
Jack Jennings
Director, Center on Education Policy
Diane Ravitch
Research Professor, New York University
Moderator: Richard Whitmire
President, Education Writers Association