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STATEMENT FROM STATE BOARD PRESIDENT ON IDAHO'S NAEP SCORES

Idaho State Board of Education President Kurt Liebich is noting Idaho's COVID-19 era student performance reflected in the 2022 National Assessment for Education Progress (NAEP) results released today.

The new scores are the first administered since 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic.

The results show that Idaho students' performed at, or better than the national average, despite the disruption caused by the pandemic.

“The NAEP scores I think are a testament to Idaho's efforts to keep schools open and in-person learning happening throughout our state,” Board President Kurt Liebich said. “Our teachers, administrators and school boards did a remarkable job throughout the pandemic, doing their absolute best to keep students on track as best they could. Idaho scores did drop since 2019, which was to be expected given the enormity of the impact the pandemic had across our system. But our students held their own, in some cases did better than the national average and I think we should acknowledge that.”

NAEP 2022 SCORES:

- Idaho 4th grade reading - 32% of students are proficient or above. The national average is also 32 %.
- Idaho 8th grade reading - 32% of students are proficient or above. The national average is 29%.
- Idaho 4th grade math - 36% of students are proficient or above. The national average is 35%.
- Idaho 8th grade math - 32% of students are proficient or above. The national average is 26% (Idaho's score dropped 3 points since before the pandemic, one of the lowest declines in the nation).

“Our students have a long way to go – approximately two-thirds are not proficient and that is a big concern,” Liebich added. We made it through the pandemic, and now our entire system needs to focus on bringing those students who fell behind back to where they should be in these important core subjects.”

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