



Statement on NAEP 2017 Results from Chris Minnich, CEO of NWEA:

“While we’ve come to anticipate NAEP results as an indicator of student academic achievement, we shouldn’t base our perceptions of education in America, or in individual states or cities, so heavily on this one data point. The concerns I hear from education leaders center on making sure we use multiple measures of student learning to inform our opinions on how our schools, districts, and states are doing.

NWEA has been a strong advocate on the importance of student growth data as a better representation of education progress in the country. To support this, we’ve developed and maintain one of the largest repositories of student growth data in the nation. NWEA researchers and researchers throughout America use the data to evaluate education approaches. Teachers, parents, schools, and districts need and deserve a range of data to truly understand if their students are learning and to make better informed decisions.”

About NWEA

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