

UMass Boston Hosts Urban America's Science Report Card

Release - February 24th

Invitation to Press Conference and Live Webcast

The nation has a report card to compare kids across state lines, and to compare urban districts in science. Given how critical science education is in today's economy, how does Boston stack up against similar cities, and against the nation as a whole? Will Boston's 4th and 8th graders be able to compete with peers from other cities? From non-urban areas? Where are the gaps? What do those gaps say about ensuring achievement for all young people?

COSMIC at UMass Boston invites you to join us as we co-host the release of national data that sheds light on these questions. The live event will be held at the UMB campus center on February 24, 10 - 11 AM, or follow the links below to join via live webcast.

The program includes Q &A from the national audience. Speakers are:

- UMB Professor and Director of COSMIC, Arthur Eisenkraft
- Superintendent of Boston Public Schools, Dr. Carol R. Johnson
- Director of the NY Hall of Science, Dr. Alan J. Friedman
- Chancellor of National Assessment of Educational Progress, Jack Buckley
- Provost Winston Langley will welcome the national audience to the UMB Campus.

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Science 2009 Report Card with national and state results was released on January 25. Now, a separate science report card will be released for fourth and eighth graders in 17 of the nation's largest urban school districts — from Boston to San Diego.

Please join us for a press conference and live webcast to release "The Nation's Report Card: Science 2009, Trial Urban District Assessment (TUDA), Grades 4 and 8".

Date: Thursday, February 24, 2011
Time: 10-11 AM, EST
Location: University of Massachusetts, Boston
Campus Center Ballroom
100 Morrissey Blvd.
Boston, MA 02125

Live Webcast: Visit www.nationsreportcard.gov to watch and participate.

NAEP is the only nationally representative measure of student achievement. The NAEP 2009 Science assessment measures what students know and can do in physical science, life science and Earth and space sciences. Visit <http://nagb.org/science2009/tuda/> for more information. Contact Vickie Jones at: Vickie.Jones@ogilvypr.com

COSMIC at UMass Boston engages in research, curriculum development, teacher training and more to advance high-quality teaching and learning in science and math for all students, from kindergarten to graduate school. Visit <http://cosmic.umb.edu> for more information or contact Jennifer Dorsen at: Jennifer.dorsen@umb.edu; 617-291-4829.