



**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**NATIONAL MATH PANEL TO CONVENE IN CHAPEL HILL**

*Second meeting of math experts will further progress towards recommendations*

The National Math Panel, a group of academic and professional experts appointed to advise Secretary Spellings and President Bush on the teaching and learning of mathematics, will hold an open-public, open-press meeting in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, on Wed., June 28, and Thurs., June 29.

The National Math Panel, modeled after the National Reading Panel, will examine and summarize the scientific evidence related to the teaching and learning of mathematics, with a specific focus on preparation for and success in learning algebra. The National Math Panel will issue an interim report on Jan. 31, 2007 and a final report no later than Feb. 28, 2008. These reports will provide policy recommendations on how to improve mathematics achievement for all students.

This is the second meeting of the panel since its inception. During this meeting, the 17 expert panelists and six ex-officio members will discuss the work of four Task Groups created during the panel's first meeting in Washington, D.C. The groups will discuss conceptual knowledge and skills; the processes by which students of various abilities learn; research to identify the most effective instructional practices; and professional development to train and place skilled, effective teachers.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, AND THURSDAY, JUNE 29

- WHO:** Experts in mathematics instruction from universities, schools, and other educational institutions and foundations across the country
- WHAT:** Second Meeting of the National Math Panel
- WHERE:** *June 28:* University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Kenan-Flagler Business School, The Kenan Center, Kenan Drive  
*June 29:* The Carolina Inn, 211 Pittsboro Street, Chapel Hill
- WHEN:** *June 28:* 9:00-10:00 a.m. – Open session for full Panel to discuss methodology  
3:00-4:30 p.m. – Open session for full Panel to discuss Task Group progress  
*June 29:* 1:00-4:00 p.m. – Open session for public comment

- The public is invited to comment on issues surrounding math instruction and the research requested by President Bush in his Executive Order creating the Panel. Members of the public interested in participating in the open session on June 29<sup>th</sup> are welcome to register on-site. Participants will be allowed five minutes to make their comments. At the meeting, participants are also encouraged to submit three written copies of their comments.
  
- Media inquiries about the event should be directed to Valerie Smith at the U.S. Department of Education or Lisa Katz at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The members of the Panel will not be able to respond to inquiries during the public comment session.

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