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**Statement by
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On Florida 2009 NAEP Science Results**

"The release of the 2009 NAEP Science results highlights our need in Florida to continue to raise the quality of our instruction in the areas of science and math in all schools. We must work to guarantee all students have access to high-quality instruction and a rigorous curriculum that is aligned with what our global economy demands."

"I applaud the great performance of our Hispanic students who continue to outperform their counterparts throughout the country. I also congratulate the great teachers who helped prepare them." "Their academic performance demonstrates that our future talent pool is strong and able to meet the high expectations set before them."

"The 21st century economy calls for a ready workforce and an education system with high standards, high-quality innovative instruction, and a robust curriculum. Our students can and are ready to do more."

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