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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **New Data on Frequency of Student Assessments to Be Released**

### *Secretary Duncan Will Join Panel Discussion on How to Improve Assessments*

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21 –The Council of the Great City Schools will hold a press conference and panel discussion to release a two-year study on school testing, believed to be the most comprehensive ever undertaken to ascertain the true extent of mandatory testing in the nation’s schools.

There is no shortage of conversation, debate, and concern about student testing in the United States, but there is a shortage of quality information on the issue. How, why, and when do students take standardized tests? A new survey of 66 urban school systems addresses these questions.

**WHO:** Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education  
Chris Minnich, Executive Director, Council of Chief State School Officers  
June Atkinson, State School Superintendent, North Carolina  
Michael Casserly, Executive Director, Council of the Great City Schools  
Alberto Carvalho, Superintendent, Miami-Dade County Public Schools  
Caroline Hendrie, Executive Director, Education Writers Association, Moderator

**WHAT:** Press Conference and panel discussion to release:  
*Student Testing in America’s Great City Schools: An Inventory and Preliminary Analysis*

**WHEN:** Monday, October 26 (9:30-11 a.m., Eastern Time)

**WHERE:** National Press Club, Holeman Lounge, 529 14<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Washington

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