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SAT ERROR REPORT FAILS TO ANSWER BASIC QUESTIONS; CAUSE OF MOISTURE CONTAMINATION, SCORE CORRECTION DELAYS AND QUALITY CONTROL FLAWS STILL UNEXPLAINED

The College Board consultants' report released today does not answer fundamental questions about the SAT scoring error, according to the National Center for Fair & Open Testing (FairTest).

“Nine and a half months after scores on more than 4,400 SAT exams were wrongly reported, the College Board still has not explained the source of the problem or why it took so long to detect and report,” said FairTest Public Education Director Robert Schaeffer.

“How can the College Board report be credible when it does not even analyze how the answer sheets were contaminated by water?” Schaeffer continued. “To fix a problem, you first have to understand how and why it occurred. The College Board still has not identified the root cause of the SAT scoring error. Nor have they offered a plausible reason why test-takers, admissions officers, and high schools were not notified for more than four months.”

“The College Board has proven unwilling to conduct the comprehensive examination that a problem of this magnitude demands,” Schaeffer concluded. “That leaves a truly independent investigation of the SAT scoring error up to the courts and legislative bodies.”

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- a list of questions not answered by the report and other backup information about the SAT scoring error is available on request.