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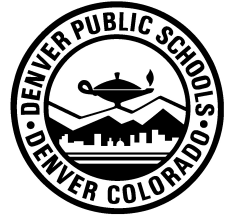
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Mr. Gary Huggins, Director of Policy and Research
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Dear Gary,

Beyond NCLB: Fulfilling the Promise to Our Nation's Children is a report remarkable for both its common sense and the high expectations it holds for all of us who are working to improve our schools.

No Child Left Behind was the single most important piece of legislation addressing public education in at least a generation. The Commission on No Child Left Behind, a bipartisan group including schoolhouse educators and national policy leaders, sees with keen foresight the course congress must follow in order to take the law to its next level. The commission offers a coherent set of recommendations – for effective teachers and principals, for better assessments and measures of school performance, for more student options and tougher interventions at failing schools. Lawmakers and policy leaders should not view them as single steps to be taken here or there. Rather, they should see them forming a well-mapped route we must follow if we are to build the schools our citizens expect.

Sincerely,

Brad Jupp