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**Commission Member Gives Remarks at
Annual State School Board Conference**
Andrea Messina Details Recommendations in Commission's Report

Tampa, FL—Today Andrea Messina, Chairman of the Charlotte County Public School Board and Member of the Commission on No Child Left Behind, was the keynote speaker at the Annual Joint Conference of the Florida School Boards Association and the Florida Association of District School Superintendents. Messina discussed issues regarding the scheduled reauthorization of NCLB and the Commission's recommendations for improving the law outlined in our report "Beyond NCLB: Fulfilling the Promise to Our Nation's Children."

"I believe that these recommendations are the right blueprint for the reauthorization of NCLB," said Messina. "We provide the right balance of flexibility and improved accountability to produce better results for all children. We also recommend providing the supports needed to achieve that goal." The Commission's 75 recommendations in the report largely focus on five broad categories of issues including:

- Ensuring Teachers and Principals are Effective at Improving Student Achievement
- Accelerating Progress through Accurate and Fair Accountability Measures
- Effective School Improvement and Quality Student Options
- Rigorous Standards Tied to College and Workplace Readiness
- Strengthening and Reforming High Schools

The Commission's charge was to identify the successes of NCLB as well as its challenges and problems and to develop solutions that will improve the law's impact on raising student achievement and closing these achievement gaps. These recommendations were produced through a bipartisan independent process that included 12 public hearings and roundtables around the country and over 10,000 emails, submissions of written testimony, meetings and letters from those with thoughts on how to improve the law.

The entire Commission report can be read, ordered and downloaded at www.nclbcommission.org.

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