

NCME.NATD SYMPOSIUM

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TITLE: "NCLB: Changing it; Fixing it; Living with it."

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SUMMARY: As NCLB is scheduled for re-authorization in 2007, this seems to be the appropriate time to look back at what we have achieved so far and to look ahead at what we still need to do. We will examine the effects of NCLB from a variety of perspectives, many previously receiving little attention. We will begin by presenting an overview of the results of state achievement tests across the nation, with particular emphasis on the results of subgroups and on the comparison of the results to NAEP. We will next examine the direct effect NCLB has had on a typical state department of education as it works to carry out both federal and state mandates and to provide direction and support to individual school districts. We will look at the effects NCLB has had on a very high-performing school district, a frequently ignored population. Finally, we will look at the relationship of business and industry to public education both in terms of educational partnerships and enlightened self-interest.