

American Statistical Association Statement on AERA IES document, *Report and Recommendations for the Reauthorization of the Institute of Education Sciences*, 7/29/30

The Board of Directors for the American Statistical Association thanks the American Educational Research Association (AERA) for its report, *Report and Recommendations for the Reauthorization of the Institute of Education Sciences*. The ASA, through its members and staff, monitored the report process and participated in its discussions.

The AERA report, particularly the section on the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), advances the objectives of ASA's 2009 endorsement of the National Academies' *Principles and Practices for a Statistical Agency* and the 2009 letter to Education Secretary Arne Duncan asking that he ensure the autonomy, authority and stature of NCES in the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) reauthorization. The Board of Directors for the American Statistical Association therefore endorses the six recommendations related to the National Center for Education Statistics in *Report and Recommendations for the Reauthorization of the Institute of Education Sciences*.

The Board also expresses its disappointment in the recent Senate action (S. 679) to remove Senate confirmation of the president's appointment for NCES commissioner and points to the move as a reason for the Administration and Congress to quickly take up reauthorization of the IES legislation.