

September 15, 2002

Dr. Gerald N. Tirozzi, Executive Director
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Dear Dr. Tirozzi:

I am writing as Chair of the National Forum on Education Statistics, a partnership of federal, state, and local school officials with a mission of improving the quality, timeliness, comparability, and usefulness of education data. As you may know, NASSP holds a membership in the Forum and has appointed a representative, Mary Allen-Parker.

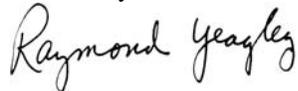
The purpose of this letter is to reaffirm the invitation for your association to participate in Forum activities and to urge you to make your members aware of Forum publications which may benefit them, and which are available at no cost.

With implementation of the ESEA reauthorization, *No Child Left Behind*, education data are becoming increasingly important for all sectors of the education community, including secondary school principals. The Forum is one of the preeminent organizations in addressing data questions for schools, school districts, state education agencies, and federal agencies. Among our products and services, I offer the following suggestions as examples of some that may be of particular interest to your members:

- ◆ *Safety in Numbers: Collecting and Using Crime, Violence, and Discipline Incident Data to Make a Difference in Schools*, a document that provides guidance to school administrators in creating and managing information about safety issues, and that will assist in better addressing these challenges.
- ◆ *Protecting the Privacy of Student Records: Guidelines for Education Agencies*, a document that help schools develop policies and procedures to protect information about students from improper release, while satisfying the need for school officials to make sound management, instructional, and service decisions.

We are pleased that NASSP has chosen to affiliate with the Forum and, again, urge you to take advantage of that membership by permitting your representative to participate in Forum activities. You can learn more about the Forum and its products, including those listed above, at <http://nces.ed.gov/forum>. If you have other questions not addressed or easily found at the web site, please feel free to contact me at 603-332-3678 or yeagley@rochesterschools.com.

Yours truly,



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