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## **Fabrizio Appointed to National Education Task Force**

Dr. Louis Fabrizio, director of Accountability Policy and Communications at the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI), has been appointed to the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Reauthorization Task Force. Fabrizio will join about a dozen federal government liaisons, state education officials and state education agency staff from across the country in a new effort to review, update and provide recommendations to Congress regarding the ESEA, which was reauthorized in 2001 by President Bush as the No Child Left Behind Act.

“It is a great honor to be asked to serve on this important national education task force,” Fabrizio said. “There are many challenges we face in education as a nation and I am hopeful that this reauthorization of ESEA will help us move forward.”

The ESEA is the main federal law affecting education from kindergarten through high school. The legislation is built on four principles: accountability for results, more choices for parents, greater local control and flexibility, and an emphasis on doing what works based on scientific research. The CCSSO is forming the task force in the wake of renewed efforts by the U.S. House and Senate Committee leadership to change the ESEA to reflect President Obama’s education priorities. The first meeting of the Task Force will be conducted online on July 1. The group will work over the coming months to develop an initial set of recommendations to present to Congress in September.

Fabrizio was named the Director of Accountability Services with the NCDPI in 1996. In this capacity, he oversaw the ABCs accountability program, the statewide testing program and the implementation of the state’s accountability and assessment requirements for the No Child Left Behind Act. In 2008, he was named the Director of Accountability Policy and Communications and now serves as the state’s primary point of contact for North Carolina’s next generation of assessments and accountability programs based on the State Board of Education’s “Framework for Change.”

Fabrizio also serves on the national Standing Task Force on Assessment and the Assessment Subcommittee of the CCSSO Education Information Management Advisory Consortium. In 2007, he was appointed by U.S Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings to the National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) which sets policies for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).

Prior to joining the NCDPI, Fabrizio was a National Assessment Consultant with CTB/McGraw-Hill, a Title I Evaluation Consultant with the NCDPI, a Head Start Director in Wake County, N.C., and a

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mathematics/science teacher in Washington, D.C. He received his bachelor's degree in physics from Georgetown University, and both his master's degree in educational administration and supervision and his Ph.D. in educational research and policy analysis from North Carolina State University in Raleigh. He is married to Katherine Kilburn Fabrizio, a psychotherapist in private practice in Raleigh, and has three daughters.

For more information on Fabrizio's appointment, contact the NCDPI Communications division at 919.807.3450.

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