

Ellen Forte (Presented Keynote Address on: "Assessment and Accountability, Post-NCLB: the Next Generation.")

Ellen Forte is President of edCount, LLC, a professional consultancy group providing technical assistance and professional development services to state departments of education, the US Department of Education, and education advocacy organizations. Dr. Forte earned her doctorate in Educational Psychology from the University of Iowa, where her research on validity issues related to the measurement of student achievement was supported by a generous fellowship from the Iowa Testing Program. Dr. Forte served as the Title I Evaluator for the Connecticut State Department of Education, directed statewide assessment projects for testing vendors, and was the Director of Student Assessment for Baltimore City Public Schools prior to her founding of edCount in 2003.

Over the past several years, Dr. Forte has written a number of monographs on state accountability systems, including five annual papers that track changes in states' NCLB-related accountability models. She was a peer reviewer of statewide standards and assessment systems under both the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 and the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and continues to work closely with the Office of the Deputy Secretary, the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the Office of English Language Acquisition at the US Department of Education on the interpretation and implementation of federal assessment and accountability policies.

Presently, Dr. Forte serves on the assessment Technical Advisory Committees for Nebraska, Louisiana, South Dakota, Montana, and Puerto Rico, and coordinates the State Collaborative on Assessment and Student Standards for English Language Learners through the Council of Chief State School Officers. She is a member of the editorial boards for *Educational Measurement: Issues and Practice*, the *National Council on Measurement in Education* newsletter, and the "No Child Left Behind Alert" published by Eli Research, as well as a member of the Planning Committee for the CCSSO National Conference on Student Assessment.

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Dr Forte about "Assessment and Accountability, Post-NCLB: the Next Generation."