

### We are...

the Great Lakes Center for Education Research and Practice, an independent, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization supported by education stakeholders across the country.

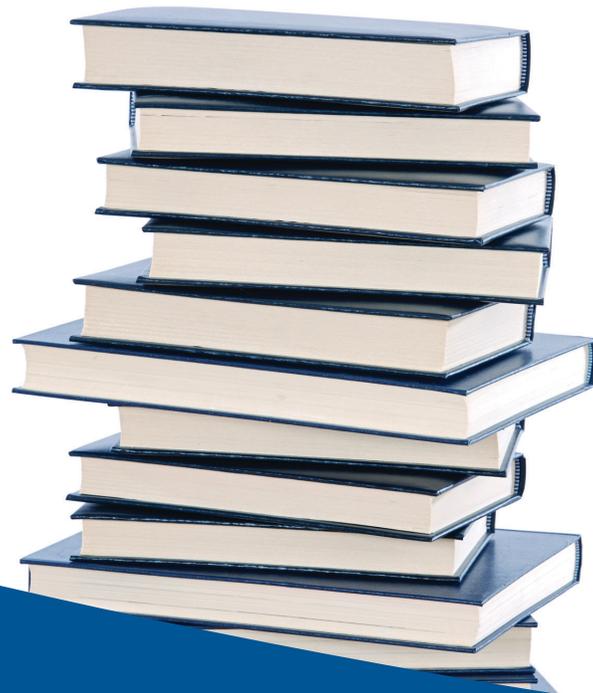
### Our mission...

is to support and disseminate high quality research and reviews of research for the purpose of informing education policy and to develop research-based resources for use by those who advocate for education reform.

### The work that we support...

- is done by independent researchers associated with major universities across the country.
- is empirically sound and meets the recognized requirements of academic and social science scholarship.
- is subject to a rigorous peer review process.

# Improving Public Education through Research



## Think Twice

### Think Tank Review Project

The Think Twice think tank review project is designed to monitor and respond to think tank research on education issues to ensure that published work meets the quality and standards of university scholarship.

The goal of Think Twice project is to provide the public, policy makers and the press with timely, academically sound reviews of selected think tank publications in order to help them assess the merits of the reviewed reports.

The Think Twice project is funded by the Great Lakes Center for Education Research and Practice. The reviews that are a part of this project are expert third party reviews produced by the National Education Policy Center (NEPC).

## Policy Briefs

The Great Lakes Center funds policy briefs on important education issues with the goal of providing the public and policymakers with a concise summary of current research on a specific topic along with policy recommendations that are supported by the research.

Topics on which briefs have been written include:

- school choice.
- alternative compensation for teachers.
- high school graduation rates.
- single-sex education.
- alternatives to high-stakes testing.
- poverty and academic achievement.
- public and private school funding.
- preschool education.
- high school reform.
- teacher certification.
- school consolidation.
- teacher assessment/evaluation.
- safe schools for LGBT students.
- virtual education.

## Research Projects

The Great Lakes Center has funded a number of academic research projects focusing on topics such as:

- high stakes testing and student achievement.
- the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (No Child Left Behind).
- the unintended consequences of high stakes testing.
- student achievement in charter schools.
- teacher attrition in charter schools.
- the impact of high stakes testing on educators and students.
- the social science value of specific educational studies.

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