

# **Future Federal Role in Education Research**

## **Goal**

This session will update members on the progress of a proposal to restructure and reshape the Institute of Education Sciences (IES).

## **Overview**

Amber Northern, senior advisor in the Office of the U.S. Secretary of Education, will discuss her draft plan to reform IES. Time for Q&A and discussion will follow.

## **Background**

In May, the U.S. Department of Education announced that Dr. Amber Northern, Senior Vice President for Research at the Thomas B. Fordham Institute, would take a six-month leave of absence from Fordham to focus on reforming IES. Northern has conducted extensive outreach with external experts and stakeholders to learn how to optimize IES' impact on education research and policy, while returning education to the states. The goal of changing IES is to support and deliver "high-quality and actionable research, relevant data, and proven best practices for researchers, educators and education leaders."

IES is the independent, non-partisan statistics, research, and evaluation arm of the U.S. Department of Education. NCES, which oversees and administers NAEP, is one of its major research and statistics centers responsible for collecting, analyzing and reporting data on the conditions of U.S. education.