

July 8, 2015

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito **United States Senate** 172 Russell Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin **United States Senate** 711 Hart Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510

Dear Senators Capito and Durbin,

As organizations that share a commitment to innovating to improve outcomes, using data to track progress and ensure accountability, and reaching across traditional silos and sectors to achieve better results, we strongly support your proposed amendment to the Every Child Achieves Act (S.1177) requiring state and local educational agencies to include post-secondary enrollment data - and encouraging them to include data on postsecondary remediation – on annual school report cards.

In nearly all states, the infrastructure for compiling and reporting the critical data on postsecondary enrollment and success already exists. We believe students and parents deserve to know the quality and progress of their schools on critical issues related to college readiness. Including data on postsecondary enrollment and remediation on state and local report cards will help students and their families better understand how well schools are preparing students to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. In addition, collecting, linking, and reporting this data will help educators and policymakers better understand how to prepare students for postsecondary success and target limited resources to the schools that need the most support.

Adding postsecondary enrollment and remediation rates to existing report card measures included in the Every Child Achieves Act would ensure that students, parents, educators, and policymakers have access to critical information about how well our high schools are preparing students to enter and succeed in postsecondary programs.

We want to express our appreciation and strong support for your ongoing efforts to include these vital data points and create more transparency for students and families.

Sincerely,