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**WHAT:** News Briefing to unveil *Assessment and Accountability for Improving Schools and Learning* by the Expert Panel on Assessment convened by the Forum on Educational Accountability (FEA). The new report provides detailed recommendations for replacing the test-based sanctions of the “No Child Left Behind” (NCLB) law with multiple measures that better support high-quality teaching and increased student achievement.

**WHEN:** **Thursday, June 14, 2007 -- 10:30 am**

**WHERE:** **Room HC-8, US Capitol Building, Washington, DC**

**WHO:** Brian Gong, Ph.D., Executive Director, National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment, Inc  
Alba Ortiz, Ph. D., Professor of Special Education and Director of the Office of Bilingual Education, University of Texas at Austin  
James Pellegrino, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Education, University of Illinois at Chicago  
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**WHY:** *Assessment and Accountability for Improving Schools and Learning* contains concrete proposals for implementing the “Joint Organizational Statement on the NCLB Act” now signed by 133 national education, civil rights, religious, disability, labor and civic organizations. It provides recommendations for an inclusive, beneficial and fair assessment and accountability system within a strong, equitable, and steadily improving educational system.

The Forum on Educational Accountability convened the Expert Panel on Assessment to recommend changes to NCLB based on the Joint Statement.

The Expert Panel on Assessment report, the Joint Statement and other materials will be available on the web at: **<http://www.edaccountability.org>**