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Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 1:03 PM
To: What Works
Cc: Thomas Hanson; Kevin (Chun-Wei) Huang
Subject: Error in Report: WWC Review of Problem Based Economics

Importance: High

Dear WWC team:

Thank you for sending me the embargoed copy of the Problem based Economics Report this morning. It is scheduled for release today.

In the judgment of the authors, it is incorrect and we need your assistance immediately to review the report, and hold the release until we are clear on the WWC approach and conclusions. Admittedly, we've only had a few hours to review the WWC finding; more time is needed before the conclusion is released.

We do not understand the index adjustment for the impacts that is presented in the report. The best we can see guess is that the WWC review team either: 1) confused the confirmatory domain structure of the study outcomes; or 2) misunderstood the multiple comparison adjustments that were conducted in the published IES report.

In any case, we look forward to your acknowledgment of this email request, and information on next steps.

Regards,

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From: "What Works" <whatworks@mathematica-mpr.com>
To: "Neal Finkelstein" <nfinkel@wested.org>
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 7:00:39 AM
Subject: WWC Review of Report

Dear Finkelstein:

We are emailing to inform you that a What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) Single Study Review of your report, "Effects of Problem Based Economics on high school economics instruction," will be posted on the WWC website tomorrow, 6/12/2012. As part of this process, we are sharing with you a courtesy copy of the review (attached as a PDF to this e-mail). **This Single Study Review is embargoed until tomorrow, 6/12/2012, at 10am Eastern Time and cannot be circulated until that time.**

To learn more about WWC Single Study Reviews, you can visit the WWC website at:
<http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/>.

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Sincerely,

The What Works Clearinghouse Team

