

**From:** Kirabo Jackson <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 30, 2012 1:23 AM  
**To:** What Works; info@whatworks.ed.gov  
**Cc:** Clement Kirabo Jackson  
**Subject:** Re: WWC Review of Report

Dear Whatworks,

I am writing because the email blast below does not accurately reflect my research. Most importantly, the review is of a old unpublished version of my paper that was posted online several years ago and has been drastically changed in the published version. It is unethical for you to send out an email blast stating that my research is not credible based on a reading of an old working paper version of paper that has since been published in a leading peer reviewed economics journal.

Moreover, the review is inaccurate for two reasons: first both studies compare schools after the intervention to the same schools before the intervention so that the critique that the treatment and comparison units are not similar is not valid; second, the published paper has numerous robustness checks that show that the results are credible. I am confident that a careful reading of the published work will reveal that the central criticism does not apply.

As a junior scholar, having such an email blast sent out about my work in progress could be very deleterious to my career and discourages the release of early preliminary findings for the research community.

For all these reasons, I ask that my work not be included in this email blast until this issue can be resolved. Please reply to me immediately.

Sincerely,  
C. Kirabo Jackson

Sent via mobile device.

On Aug 29, 2012 9:01 AM, "What Works" <[whatworks@mathematica-mpr.com](mailto:whatworks@mathematica-mpr.com)> wrote:

Dear Dr. Jackson:

We are emailing to inform you that the What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) conducted a Single Study Review of your report, "A little now for a lot later: A look at a Texas advanced placement *incentive program*," and found that it does not meet WWC Evidence Standards. This information will be released in an email blast tomorrow, **8/30/12**. As part of this process, we are sharing with you a courtesy copy of the email blast (attached as a PDF to this email). The

website will indicate that the study does not meet WWC Evidence Standards because it uses a quasi-experimental design in which the analytic intervention and comparison groups are not shown to be equivalent. **This blast is embargoed until tomorrow 08/30/2012, at 10 am 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/>.

Because of the volume of correspondence the WWC receives, questions regarding WWC reports and Single Study Reviews should be submitted to the Help Desk at [info@whatworks.ed.gov](mailto:info@whatworks.ed.gov). Your questions will be forwarded to the appropriate staff member on the WWC team and you will receive an e-mail response.

Sincerely,

The What Works Clearinghouse Team

