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### **New Report Showcases the State Of School Counseling**

*[The National Consortium for School Counseling and Postsecondary Success](#) releases a new report [Revisiting The Path Forward; The State of School Counseling](#)*

Washington, D.C. – [The National Consortium for School Counseling and Postsecondary Success \(NCSCPS\)](#) has released a new report, *[Revisiting The Path Forward; The State of School Counseling](#)*, at the Reach Higher Convening in Tempe, Arizona. The report confirms that a national focus on college attainment combined with an emphasis on career pathways has affirmed the critical role of school counselors to assist in navigating the college and career process.

In response to the need for increasing school counseling support for college and career readiness, the Kresge Foundation charged the [NCSCPS](#) to survey the field and review existing scholarship to document a blueprint for the future of school counseling. The purpose of *[Revisiting the Path Forward: The State of School Counseling](#)* is to advance college and career counseling strategies that improve equitable outcomes and achievement for all students.

The report, which draws from research from the field as well as existing work, seeks to bring further understanding and recommendations to the ways school counselors can make an impact in young people's lives. With the growing recognition that the school counselor is central in achieving educational outcomes, school counselors still operate under severe constraints, juggle multiple roles, and are hampered by large student caseloads. Ideally, a repositioning of the counselor role as a college and career readiness leader must also be accompanied by attention to freeing counselors from unnecessary administrative work and other duties that detract from their core mission of designing and implementing student achievement interventions.

The recommendations serve as a guide to the field for improvements in school counselor preparation, credentialing, and professional development. The report recommends new areas for research, as well as ways to more effectively engage community-based providers, parents, and families,

In her final speech as First Lady, Michelle Obama said:

*"Today, the high school graduation rate is at a record high, and more young people than ever before are going to college. We know that school counselors ... have played a critical role in helping us get there. In fact, a recent study showed that students who met with a school counselor to talk about financial aid or college were three times more likely to attend college,*

*and they were nearly seven times more likely to apply for financial aid. So our school counselors are truly among the heroes of the Reach Higher story.”*

To learn more about the role of school counselors in career and college success, **join a Twitter chat on the report March 14, at 3:00 p.m., ET** by following along at **#counselorscount** on Twitter.

**About NCSCPS**

The National Consortium for School Counseling and Postsecondary Success (NCSCPS) was formed in response to former First Lady Michelle Obama’s Reach Higher initiative and the call for improvements to school counseling and school-based college and career counseling systems. Learn more at <http://www.ncscps.org/>