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To: "iroberg@gwu.edu" &lt;iroberg@gwu.edu&gt;

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**Iris Rotberg <iroberg@gwu.edu>****Tue, Sep 27, 2011 at 11:55 PM**

Reply-To: iroberg@gwu.edu

To: Ed Eiler &lt;eeiler@isc.k12.in.us&gt;

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**Ed Eiler <eeiler@isc.k12.in.us>****Wed, Sep 28, 2011 at 9:19 AM**

To: "iroberg@gwu.edu" &lt;iroberg@gwu.edu&gt;

Thank you for responding. I certainly concur with your assessment regarding the direction of public policy. Given your focus of research I thought you might find interesting a guest column I write for our local newspaper last spring. The column highlights some of the issues related to using student tests scores to measure the effectiveness of teachers and administrators. This is a topic worthy of additional research. ( Incidentally, our state legislature in Indiana incorporated the student growth data described in the editorial into the mandated state teacher evaluation model and requires a significant portion of the teacher's evaluation be based upon these results.)

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**Iris Rotberg <irotberg@gwu.edu>**  
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**Thu, Sep 29, 2011 at 10:30 AM**

Thanks for sending your column. It was particularly interesting to read the specific examples based actual students rather than the discussions of growth models, typically cloaked in statistics, which seem to have little basis in reality!

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