CONTENTS

Foreword	vii
Acknowledgments	хi
An Economic Future Imperiled	1
Human Capital and Economic Prosperity	17
A Global View of U.S. Student Proficiency Rates	33
U.S. Advanced Performance in Global Perspective	47
Economic Benefits of Higher Performance	57
A Global View of Growth in U.S. Achievement	69
Substantive Concerns and Political Obstacles	85
Appendixes	
Methodology for Comparing U.S. and International Performance	105
Two Measures of Reading Proficiency	117
Notes	121
References	133
Index	141
	Acknowledgments An Economic Future Imperiled Human Capital and Economic Prosperity A Global View of U.S. Student Proficiency Rates U.S. Advanced Performance in Global Perspective Economic Benefits of Higher Performance A Global View of Growth in U.S. Achievement Substantive Concerns and Political Obstacles Appendixes Methodology for Comparing U.S. and International Performance Two Measures of Reading Proficiency Notes References