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Steven Newton

NCSE's Steven Newton was quoted in a *USA Today* story (September 24, 2010) about a new report on the economic importance of science education. The report, [Rising Above the Gathering Storm, Revisited](#) [4], lamented that "in spite of sometimes heroic efforts and occasional very bright spots, our overall public school system — or more accurately 14,000 systems — has shown little sign of improvement, particularly in mathematics and science." Newton [commented](#) [5], "The current economic crisis makes the link between education and employment very clear."

In further remarks posted on the newspaper's Science Fair blog (September 24, 2010), Newton [wrote](#) [6], "The NCSE welcomes this report, and we hope that the call for improving education — particularly in science, math, and technology fields — is heard by many." He added, "Cuts to education are almost always short-sighted; there is a direct link between education and the economy. Educated citizens earn more, and pay more taxes. When states save money by not fixing roads, more drivers get flat tires. But when states try to save money by short-changing public education, they rob kids of their futures and they rob America of its economic growth."

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