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Jerabek has published five books and several op-eds and articles in various publications and is the host of “Most Likely to Change the World,” a podcast that focuses on improving the educational system. Often looked to for her expertise, Jerabek has been featured in *USA Today*, *National Public Radio*, and *CNBC*. In the fall of 2020, she was a co-panelist with John B. King Jr., the 10th United States Secretary of Education under President Barack Obama. Jerabek has presented at the White House at the “Evidence in Education Roundtable” in 2016 as well as at International Education events.

In 2021, Jerabek was selected as the Thomas B. Fordham Institute’s National “Wisest Wonk,” a contest designed to generate conversation surrounding critical issues within education reform. In 2022, Jerabek helped develop the National Guidelines for Integrated Student Support aimed at helping K-12 schools create successful approaches to deliver integrated student supports that address both in- and out-of-school barriers to learning — from hunger, to mental health, to basic needs.