# NCES Perspective: *A Vision and Roadmap for Education Statistics*, a National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) Report

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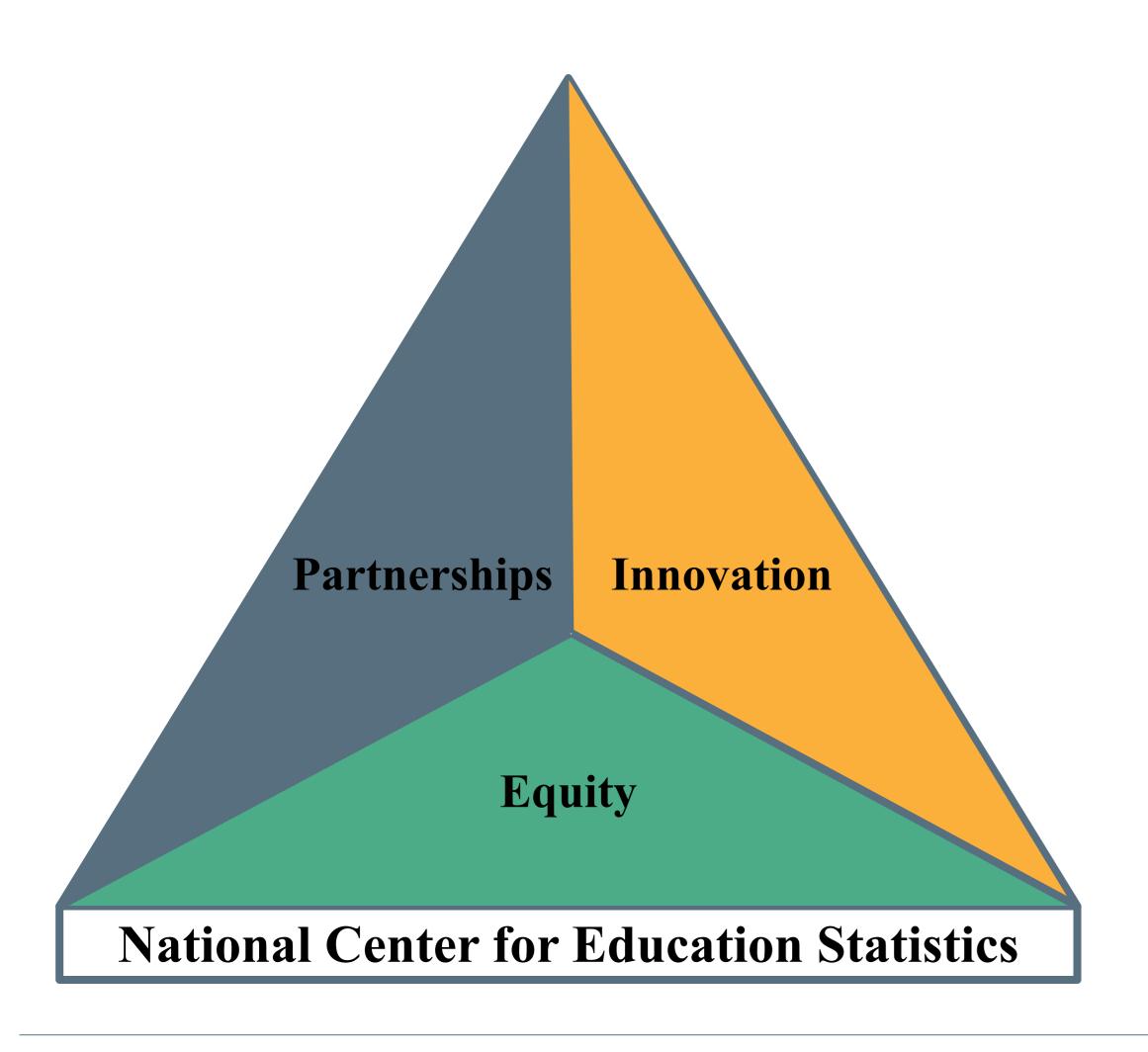
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### Overview

The report	NCES perspective
• Detailed, comprehensive, high-	• Invigorated and inspired by panel's
quality study, informed by evidence	thinking, including focus on
and thoughtful deliberation	partnerships, innovation, and
	equity as strategic priorities for
<ul> <li>Ambitious successor to landmark</li> </ul>	NCES
Creating a Center for Education	
Statistics: A Time for Action (1986)	<ul> <li>Ideas integral to my own vision as</li> </ul>
and will guide NCES into the future	Commissioner

#### Vision for the Future



- Building stronger, more effective partnerships
- Innovating for the modernization of education statistics
- Impacting **equity** through advancements in measurement and reporting

#### Develop a strategic plan for NCES (2-1)

- Overdue, and will help shift the Center from reactive to proactive postures
- "Thinking big" about the future of NCES, its priorities, and renewing its status as a leading statistical agency
- Worthy investment with big returns

Support and empower NCES to set its own priorities (2-2)

• Congressionally mandated that NCES produce independent, credible, relevant, and useful statistics on the condition and progress of education

### Maximize NCES's unique value for evidence building (2-3)

- "The Evidence Act, particularly in Title III, effectively **expands NCES's mission**, by giving statistical agencies new authorities, duties, roles, and relationships for evidence building."
- Full and equal partnerships between the Statistical Official and other key officials in the U.S. Department of Education

#### Develop and leverage new sources of data (2-5, 2-6)

- Exploring many contemporary and transformative data sources
- Expanding our reach while also learning new methods, vernacular, and ways of thinking
- Focusing on building bridges and creating meaningful partnerships with data users

## Expand mission impact through partnerships and outreach (4-1, 4-3)

- Strengthening two-way communications with partners; creating engagement feedback loops for continuing improvement of products and services
- Exploring innovative ways of "meeting our stakeholders where they are" to expand dissemination
- Sharing useful, actionable, timely data products

#### Continued reform of internal structure and operations (5-1)

- Accepting the panel's challenge to think "clean slate" and to identify Center-wide synergies
- Investing in our people to invest in the Center's future success

- These recommendations—along with NCES's responses—are *necessary*
- And, when taken together...

are both *necessary and sufficient* actions to achieve the goals in this bold vision set forth by the panel.

