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**Overview**

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

- Building stronger, more effective **partnerships**
- **Innovating** for the modernization of education statistics
- Impacting **equity** through advancements in measurement and reporting
NASEM panel’s recommendations and NCES actions

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
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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
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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
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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
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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**
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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
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• 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.