Partnering for Progress: Engaging Local Education Agencies to Improve the Quality of Their Data

Questions to Review During Today’s Virtual Select Session Activity

These questions are derived from the IDEA Data Center (IDC) Data Meeting Protocol for use in today’s virtual select session activity. Please consult the Data Meeting Toolkit for the complete facilitation guide as well as the full list of questions you can use during data meetings.

Discuss **Observations** of the Data

- What do you see?
- What are your initial thoughts and reactions?
- Is this what you expected to see? If so, how does it match your expectations? If not, why not?
- What surprises you?
- Are there particular data that catch your attention?
- What do these data not tell you?
- What are the limitations of these data? What do you and other stakeholders need to keep in mind about the data as you review them?

Discuss **Interpretations** of the Data

- What thoughts or assumptions do these data confirm or contradict?
- Are there any limitations to your conclusions or interpretations?
- Are there any perspectives you have not considered?
- Do you need additional data to answer your question?

Discuss **Implications** of the Data

- What do the data tell you about current infrastructure and practice needs?
- What are the implications?
- What is the significance for the work?
- Do the data suggest that you do something different or maintain your current course of action?

Determine **Next Steps**

- What programmatic action items, such as changes, additions, or eliminations of programs or activities, do the data analysis and discussion call for?
- What changes, additions, or eliminations to policy can result from the analysis?
- If the group identified data quality issues, how will you improve data quality? Consider how you can leverage established data governance procedures.
- If additional data are needed, will you need to collect new data?