3. Interpreting the Data (10 Minutes)

- The facilitator asks: "What does the data suggest?" Second question: "What are the assumptions we
 make about students and their learning?"
- During this period, the group tries to make sense of what the data says and why. The group should try
 to find as many different interpretations as possible and evaluate them against the kind and quality of
 evidence.
- · From the evidence gathered in the preceding section, try to infer: what is being worked on and why?
- Think broadly and creatively. Assume that the data, no matter how confusing, makes sense to some people; your job is to see what they may see.
- As you listen to each other's interpretations, ask questions that help you better understand each other's perspectives.

4. Implications for Classroom Practice (10 Minutes)

- The facilitator asks: "What are the implications of this work for teaching and assessment?" This question may be modified, depending on the data.
- Based on the group's observations and interpretations, discuss any implications this work might have for teaching and assessment in the classroom. In particular, consider the following questions:
 - What steps could be taken next?
 - What strategies might be most effective?
 - What else would you like to see happen? What kinds of assignments or assessments could provide this information?
 - What does this conversation make you think about in terms of your own practice? About teaching and learning in general?
 - What are the implications for equity?

5. Reflecting on the ATLAS-Looking at Data (10 Minutes)

Presenter Reflection:

- What did you learn from listening to your colleagues that was interesting or surprising?
- What new perspectives did your colleagues provide?
- How can you make use of your colleagues' perspectives?

Group Reflection:

- What questions about teaching and assessment did looking at the data raise for you?
- · Did guestions of equity arise?
- · How can you pursue these questions further?
- · Are there things you would like to try in your classroom as a result of looking at this data?

6. Debrief the Process

- How well did the process work?
- What about the process helped you to see and learn interesting or surprising things?
- What could be improved?

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