



**SAMPLE Talking Points for Superintendent/Board President/Policy Committee Chair—
Introduction of Resolution in Support of Vision 2030**

- [IF DISTRICT/BOARD ATTENDED THE JOINT ANNUAL CONFERENCE] The Joint Annual Conference held in Chicago *{last week/last month/in late November}* was a fantastic professional development opportunity for the *{District name}* *{administrators and/or board members}* who attended, including *{list}*. We were able to attend sessions on topics such as *{Insert list}* and will be working in the weeks and months ahead to bring insights and ideas back to *{district name}* for the benefit of our students, educators, and families.

For me, a particular highlight was the introduction of the Vision 2030 blueprint for excellence in public K-12 education. {IF VIDEO CAPABILITIES ARE AVAILABLE: For the benefit of those in the audience today, I'd like to play a short video to introduce and explain Vision 2030}.

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At the Joint Annual Conference held in Chicago *{last week/last month/in late November}*, education leaders from five statewide organizations introduced the Vision 2030 blueprint for excellence in K-12 public education. {IF VIDEO CAPABILITIES ARE AVAILABLE: For the benefit of those at our meeting today, I'd like to play a short video to introduce and explain Vision 2030.}

- Vision 2030 was developed through an engagement effort that included input from more than 1,000 stakeholders, including locally elected school board members, statewide—from the southern tip to northern Illinois. It also reflects input from discussions with local educators who work tirelessly inside and outside of school buildings to improve outcomes for children from all backgrounds across Illinois.

Development of the Vision 2030 blueprint was led by the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA), Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB), Illinois Principals Association (IPA), Illinois Association of School Business Officials (Illinois ASBO) and Illinois Association of Regional School Superintendents (IARSS).

{IF APPLICABLE: I am pleased to share that *{District/Organization Name}* *{Title Name}* was a key member of the team that developed the Vision 2030 policy brief by serving on the *{Name}* working group. We are grateful to have had *{District/Organization Name's}* views and needs represented during that important planning process.

- Vision 2030 is rooted in a shared belief that students learn best, and educators teach most effectively, when they feel safe and connected to one another and to their communities.



This is the single most important thing we can do to support both academic achievement and individual well-being—and it is something that has to be considered in our instructional approach, curriculum, student support services, and finances, so that local districts have the resources needed to ensure that our school buildings are safe.

- As you can see from the one-page overview provided in our Board packet and available in hard copy here tonight, Vision 2030:
 - Provides a roadmap to enhance K-12 public education through **future-focused learning, shared accountability, and predictable funding**.
 - Articulates a shared commitment to putting systems and processes in place that support all school districts throughout the state in sharing what works for our kids and our communities.
 - Details plans to advance policy, legislative and fiscal solutions, leverage public resources, and preserve local flexibility and leadership so that the important decisions about curriculum and finances are made closest to home.

- School districts across Illinois are being asked to express support for the goals and priorities of Vision 2030 by passing a resolution at a public meeting. A copy of this resolution was included in our Board packet.

It is important to note that the ability to demonstrate statewide support for Vision 2020, with more than 90% of Illinois school boards passing a similar resolution, was critical to generating legislative support for the passage of the Evidence-Based Funding formula.

Vision 2020 also included enhancements to teacher recruitment policies, college and career readiness initiatives and the development of Illinois Balanced Accountability System, which establishes standards for K-12 student performance and school improvement in Illinois. These accomplishments have had a significant positive impact on both our finances and ability to more effectively support student success.

- {Follow procedure to entertain a motion and discuss—perhaps have board secretary read the resolution into the record and/or have hard copies available for board members and the community}

NOTE: Following your public action, please visit IllinoisVision2030.com and submit the petition of support online form to notify the Vision 2030 team that your board has approved the resolution.