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MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP

It's official! Governor Bruce Rauner has signed both legislative bills introduced by Vision 20/20 into law. HB2657 (now Public Act 99-0058) was approved on July 16 and HB2683 (now Public Act 99-193) was signed on July 30. Information on both of these legislative victories is on our website under the Toolkit or Legislative tab.

We want to thank all our supporters for helping with passage of these bills in our first year. A special thanks to all the members of the Shared Accountability Committee who worked tirelessly to draft the framework and model adopted as The Illinois Balanced Accountability Measure (IBAM). Committee members were comprised of the Vision 20/20 partners, their associations, and many others in this collaborative effort. For a complete list of group members, please visit <http://illinoisvision2020.org/2015/04/09/hb-2683-adopt-a-balanced-accountability-model/>.

The leadership will be meeting later this month to plan out Year Two of our work. We will be looking at updating the document, adding additional supporters, and seeking funding to expand our efforts.

The webinar to reconvene the original Vision 20/20 committee will be scheduled for later this fall after the work from the strategic planning groundwork is completed. Information to those remaining members will be sent out as soon as plans are finalized.

Finally, look for information and news stories regarding our exciting launch of Vision 20/20 21st Century Learning Center. The launch will take place on August 18 in a state-wide roll out similar to the launch last fall of our policy brief. See page two of the newsletter for more details.

For the latest information regarding anything related to Vision 20/20 please visit our website at <http://illinoisvision2020.org> or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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WE'RE GROWING

Welcome Some of Our New School Districts!

- Hawthorn CCSD 73
- Norridge SD 80
- Thomasboro CCSD 130
- Shirland CCSD 134
- Limestone Walters CCSD 316
- Springfield PS 186
- Brooklyn 188
- Niles Twp. HSD #219
- Oak Lawn-Hometown 123
- Rockton 140
- Warren CUSD 205
- Bureau County Board

SUPPORTING DISTRICTS



STUDENTS REPRESENTED



PETITIONS SIGNED



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Join the support for Vision 20/20 and sign our petition!

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VISION 20/20 LAUNCHES 21ST CENTURY LEARNING CENTER ON ITUNES U

August 18th will be the statewide launch of the Vision 20/20 21st Century Learning Center, a one-of-a-kind resource to help transform Illinois teaching and learning by providing high-quality, digital course content for classroom teachers in the four core content areas of mathematics, science, social studies and English language. The launch will take place at District 214 in Arlington Heights and stream live at the office of the Illinois Principals Association in Springfield.

The repository, available through iTunes U, is an open education resource accessible to all and will initially focus on grades 9-12. Plans to expand the site for grades K-8 are in the initial development stages. Learning resources like lectures, videos, books, and materials are available for 10 high school courses such as Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, English Language Arts (ELA) 9-10, (ELA) 11-12, Civics, Economics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics and additional courses will be added by early this fall.

Educators from 22 school districts across Illinois began meeting earlier this year to help choose the digital content and curriculum resources teachers, students and families need to meet the state's Illinois Learning Standards. The collection resources were then vetted by content leaders and curriculum specialists before added to the site.

With more than 1 billion downloads, iTunes U is the world's largest online catalog of free educational content that helps educators create courses, including lectures, assignments, books, quizzes and syllabi, and offers them to millions of iOS users around the world. The need for educators to redesign instruction that empowers students, facilitates their understanding, and creates engaging experiences, prompted the Vision 20/20 group to launch this initiative.

Michael A. Jacoby, Ed.D., Executive Director of the Illinois Association of School Business Officials (IASBO) will be introducing the site at our press conference. "Today's students are learning in a technology-driven environment and educators need to find new and creative ways to engage our students to increase their desire to learn. Vision 20/20's 21st Century Learning Center is the kind of tool teachers can utilize to meet those needs," Jacoby believes.

Currently, Illinois Secretary of Education Dr. Beth Purvis will be attending the launch. Governor Bruce Rauner and other state education leaders were also invited.

SUPPORTER'S STORY

Read how HB 2657 has already made a difference in one educator's life!

Dear Representative Winger,

I am a high school science teacher recently moved from Boston, Massachusetts back to my hometown of Pinckneyville, IL and was very excited to see this legislation has been signed by the Governor just in the past few days. Thank you so very much!

I completed my teacher preparation at SIU in Carbondale but moved to Kentucky (teacher licensed) and then to Massachusetts (professional teaching license current). I was really concerned that I would have a hard time moving into an Illinois teaching job with my out of state license (even though I completed an Illinois Teacher College preparation program in 2001).

I have some really great education and experience to offer here in Illinois as a Chemistry teacher and it is so nice to hope that there will not be so many daunting hoops to go through before I can teach (and receive a license) here in my home state.

Thank you again,

*Michelle C.
Pinckneyville, IL*

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We would like to hear more about how our organization is making a difference in your district! To submit your story, contact us at: Questions@illinoisvision2020.org

JOIN US

As the school year begins, please remind your local school districts that have not passed a resolution endorsing Vision 20/20 to do so and be a part of our growing network. The number of districts, supporters and more has grown significantly but we still have more work to do. It would speak volumes to the powers that be in the state to have every school district on board supporting public education in Illinois.