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MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP

The holiday season is upon us and it's a good time to reflect on the past year and set new goals for the New Year. Year one of Vision 20/20 has been very productive and has set a solid foundation for moving forward.

We were able to get two of seven pieces of legislation signed into law, hosted a statewide webinar, introduced the new Illinois Vision 20/20 21st Century Learning Center on iTunes U, and we've formed "Pillar Committees" to begin improving the initiative with more input and voices from education leaders around the state. It was a busy year but we have much more work to do.

In year two, we are already beginning to formulate our new legislative agenda with the help and input of our lobbyists and those involved on the pillar committees. In January, we will meet with our new Advisory Committee to review all recommendations from the members of the pillar committees and set goals for year two.

Finally, we are now engaging organizations that support public education so we can begin to acquire funding to expand our 21st Century Learning Center beyond grades 9-12 and focus on uniting the education community by developing a long-range blueprint for improving public education in Illinois. These additional resources will help us reach those who legislate policies and laws that govern our school districts.

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 Our
New School District!

Sycamore Community Unit
School District #427

SUPPORTING DISTRICTS

522

STUDENTS REPRESENTED

813,129

PETITIONS SIGNED

773

Welcome Some of Our
New Supporters!

Illinois Computing Educators

Illinois Educational Technology
Leaders

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Learning Center on iTunes.

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ENGAGING THE CHICAGO MEDIA

Members of the Vision 20/20 team interviewed with Chicago media this past November during the Triple I conference. Executive Directors Jason Leahy, Illinois Principal Association, and Roger Eddy, Illinois Association of School Boards, discussed several topics during a half-hour interview with WBBM Political Editor Craig Dellimore for his weekly show At Issues. Topics included upcoming reforms to education funding and its effect in suburban and downstate schools.

Listen to the interview here: [WBBM's At Issue: Illinois Principal Association 11/29/2015](#).

Patricia Dal Santo, Past President of the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools (IARSS), and Roger Eddy (IASB) taped the Sunday morning talk show Fox 32 Sunday with Political Editor Mike Flannery at Fox News in Chicago. The two discussed schools and report cards for school districts. View the full recording by clicking on the following link: [FOX 32 Sunday: Patricia Dal Santo, Roger Eddy](#).



Jason Leahy, IPA, and Roger Eddy, IASB, discuss several IL Vision 20/20 topics on WBBM.



Patricia Dal Santo, IARSS, and Roger Eddy, IASB, visit Fox News in Chicago to talk through schools and school report cards for districts.



Creg Williams, SCSDD, discusses IL Vision 2020 on WGCI 107.5 FM.

Finally, Creg Williams, Ed.D., President of the Superintendents' Commission for the Study of Demographics and Diversity (SCSDD), talked with a radio host at WGCI 107.5 FM, Chicago's #1 Hip-Hop and R&B station. Dr. Williams talked about Vision 20/20 and a variety of other topics. Listen to the full recording by clicking on the [following link from WGCI](#).

Engaging Chicago media is somewhat challenging given the amount of news to cover in the third largest media market in the country. The reputation of the Vision 20/20 initiative and the amount of statewide support garnered in the last year however has helped encourage media outlets to provide access to viewers and listeners in the region.

We will continue to do all we can to reach all segments of the population in the state to talk about the importance of public education and the needs of the over 2 million students in Illinois schools.

Happy
Holidays!