

Executive Summary: Vision 2030

Introduction

This document serves as an executive summary of the Meridian CUSD 223 Board of Education's resolution to formally adopt and support the "Vision 2030" education improvement policy. Vision 2030 is a statewide advocacy framework developed by key Illinois education organizations, including the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA) and the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB), to enhance public education in Illinois.

Purpose of Vision 2030

Following the success of its predecessor, Vision 2020, which led to significant legislative achievements like the Evidence-Based Funding Formula, Vision 2030 was launched to address the challenges facing public education after the COVID-19 pandemic. The policy framework is the result of collaboration with over 1,000 stakeholders and is built on three core pillars:

- **Future-Focused Learning:** This pillar aims to prepare students for college and careers by promoting career exploration, enhancing student safety and well-being, attracting and retaining a high-quality and diverse educator workforce, and providing curriculum flexibility to meet community needs.
- **Shared Accountability:** This focuses on reforming the state's assessment and accountability systems to be more timely, useful, and holistic. It also seeks to reform the state mandate process to promote flexibility and local decision-making.
- **Predictable Funding:** This pillar is designed to ensure stable and equitable funding for public education. Key initiatives include protecting the Evidence-Based Funding Formula, strengthening public education through pension reforms, and establishing dedicated funding for capital and safety needs.

Meridian CUSD 223 Board of Education Resolution

If the resolution is adopted, the Board:

1. Joins a coalition of state organizations in endorsing the Vision 2030 policy.
2. Affirms the collective duty to ensure every student has equal access to a quality public education.
3. Recognizes the three pillars of education improvement as integral to enhancing the public education system.
4. Urges the Illinois General Assembly to approve the necessary legislative changes to implement the recommendations outlined in the policy.

Recommendation

I recommend the Meridian CUSD 223 Board of Education consider the approval of the Illinois Vision 2030 resolution. The resolution aligns the district with a statewide effort to advocate for

policies that will enhance student outcomes, support educators, and secure the financial stability of schools for years to come.