



# Oak Park Elementary School District 97

Committee for Legislative Action, Intervention and  
Monitoring (C.L.A.I.M.)

A Committee of the School Board of Oak Park District 97

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1. **Data Equity:** “Be it resolved that the Illinois Association of School Boards shall support legislation allowing non-unit districts to share student data to the same extent and with the same ease as unit districts.”

**Rationale:** Schools in a unit district may freely share student data with all other schools in the district. In contrast, schools within a non-unit district may freely share student data only with other schools in the same non-unit district. This means that non-unit elementary school districts in a community cannot freely share data about its students with non-unit district high schools in the same community, and vice versa. Legislation giving non-unit districts student data sharing rights that are equal to those of unit districts would help non-unit districts better use predictive analytics and other innovative statistical techniques across the eighth grade/ninth grade border to improve the quality of education in their districts.

2. **Data Sharing Protection:** “Be it resolved that the Illinois Association of School Boards shall support legislation promoting student data sharing between districts and their consultants, and shall oppose legislation restricting student data sharing between districts and their consultants.”

**Rationale:** Longitudinal student data analysis has moved to the forefront of education research. Such analysis offers great hope for eliminating the student achievement gap and ensuring that schools are fully preparing students for college and careers. As the sharing of student data between districts and their consultants is essential for longitudinal student data analysis, legislation promoting such data sharing should be supported and legislation restricting such data sharing should be opposed.