



# Education for Our Future: The New P-20 Council Recommendations

**“We need to develop a seamless and sustainable statewide system of quality education and support, from birth through adulthood, to maximize students’ educational attainment, opportunities for success in the workforce, and contributions to their local communities.”**

**—Illinois P-20 Council**

## What is the Illinois P-20 Council?

Council members, appointed by the Governor, include legislators, business leaders, teachers, union leaders, faculty, school board members, parents, and representatives of private colleges, foundations, and civic groups. The Council meets regularly with the heads of state education and workforce agencies to improve birth to adulthood education in Illinois. We promote timely dialogue and information exchange on critical educational issues among students, families, educators, legislators, and community members. **We invite you to join in the work of improving our entire Illinois educational system.**

## Accountability, Vision, Transformation

### Improve educational attainment through attention to prevention, intervention, and reengagement

- ▶ Ensure that all children have access to high-quality early childhood education and care.
- ▶ Support community services, after-school programs, and intervention to keep struggling students in school.
- ▶ Reengage students who have dropped out before attaining a diploma, credential, or college degree.
- ▶ Increase public engagement across the entire spectrum of education.

*We will track and report progress toward our goal: to increase the proportion of Illinoisans with high-quality degrees and credentials from the current level of 41% to 60% of the working population by the year 2025.*



## Develop and support effective teachers and leaders at all levels, preschool through higher education

- ▶ Enlarge the pipeline of high quality candidates into teacher and leadership positions.
- ▶ Improve training and certification for teachers and leaders, with high-quality clinical practice experience.
- ▶ Improve teacher evaluation and professional development for the entire education spectrum.
- ▶ Promote work environments that strive for excellence and foster professional learning communities.

## Provide a clear path to careers

- ▶ Establish system-wide links between industry and local classrooms through learning exchanges and other career exposure programs.
- ▶ Ensure systems are aligned for all Illinois residents to be college and career ready in a globally-competitive society.
- ▶ Coordinate education data systems and workforce data systems to improve career counseling and preparation.



## Transform education accountability

- ▶ Identify key indicators of progress toward increasing educational attainment, and set benchmarks and a timeline for progress needed to reach the goal.
- ▶ Assess student progress toward meeting Illinois Learning and Common Core Standards with tools that guide teachers and students to improve instruction and student learning, and also provide accountability for the education system.
- ▶ Implement a Longitudinal Data System for individual student records from preschool years through post-secondary education to track progress.

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