**Current Issues in Education Project:**

**School Board Meeting Proposal**

Upon completion of your research and preparation you will be participating in our own Chicago School Board Meeting. You will act as a concerned parent or community member and make a proposal to the school board for change according to your topic and opinion. You will give a 10-15 minute presentation to present your research to the board and convince them to make a specific change. Here are the guidelines below:

1. Give the background of the scenario.
   1. What is the current state of the district in regards to your topic?
   2. What role are you taking on? (parent, community member, teacher, administrator, etc.)
   3. You may create a scenario that fits what you need (does not have to be true).
   4. You are not “in character” at this point – you are setting the scene for your presentation.
2. Opening Statement
   1. State your thesis.
   2. Explain why this is important to you.
3. Background
   1. What has happened historically that created this issue? (Outside of Chicago)
   2. What has happened historically that created this issue? (Inside of Chicago)
4. Current Issue
   1. Describe what the current issue is.
   2. Describe the differing opinions.
   3. Give and defend your position. (Should align with your thesis.)
5. Action Steps
   1. What steps do you want the district to take moving forward. (Be specific with tangible steps.)
   2. Why should the district take these steps? How will these steps improve learning?
6. Discussion Questions
   1. Design a few questions for students in the class to interact with.
   2. Be prepared to answer questions from the students.
7. Conclusion
   1. Briefly re-state your thesis.
   2. Briefly re-cap the action steps.

**Products:**

* Outline of your presentation. (Should follow the format above and include citations from your sources.)
* Visuals to go with your presentation.
* Works Cited

**Grade (3 Parts)**

* Products
* Presentation
* School Board Meeting Participation