

SENTENCE STARTERS

<p> Introducing Yourself</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Hello, my name is ___, and I'm a ___ grader."• "I attend a public charter school called ____."• "Thank you for taking the time to meet with us today."	<p> Talking About Your School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "One thing I like about my school is ____."• "My school is important to me because ____."• "Something that makes my school different is ____."	<p> Sharing a Personal Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Before coming to my school, I ____."• "A class or teacher that made a difference for me is ____."• "One challenge I faced at school was ___, and my school helped by ____."	<p> Why This Issue Matters to You</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "This issue matters to me because it affects ____."• "When schools have the resources they need, students can ____."• "My learning experience would be different if ____."
<p> Making a Simple Ask (Optional)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "I hope you will consider ____."• "It's important to students like me that ____."• "We want schools to have the support they need to help students succeed." <p><i>(You do not need to make an ask unless you feel comfortable.)</i></p>	<p> Answering Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "From my experience as a student, ____."• "I can share what it's like at my school."• "I'm not sure about that, but I can talk about what I've experienced."	<p> Closing the Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Thank you for listening to student voices."• "Thank you for your time today."• "We appreciate the chance to share our experiences."	<p> Important Reminders for Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading from notes is okay• Pausing is okay• Being nervous is normal• You only need to share what you're comfortable sharing <p>Your voice matters.</p>