









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>