

Mission Statement Policy 1.000

The Background:

The State Board of Education sets strategic goals every five years and will vote at this meeting on goals for the period of 2020 – 2025. In addition, Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-1-302 requires the State Board of Education to develop and maintain a current Master Plan. The Board’s Master Plan is regularly updated and posted on the Board website to ensure transparency and accountability. The Master Plan contains statements regarding the Board’s vision over the long term, in addition to short-term policy goals.

As part of the State Board’s process of setting new five-year goals, Board members also identified a need to revise the mission statement to better reflect goals moving forward. This first reading item proposes a revision to the Mission Statement Policy aligned with the Board’s five-year goals.

Policy Justification:

T.C.A. § 4-5-230 requires that justification for adopting an item as a policy instead of a rule be submitted to the chair of the Government Operations Committee. This item is proposed to be adopted as a policy because it defines or explains the meaning of a statute or rule and/or concerns only the internal management of state government that does not affect private rights or privileges.

The Recommendation:

The SBE staff recommends acceptance of this item on first reading.