
State Board of Education Master Plan

The Background:

Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-302 requires the Board to “develop and maintain current a master plan for the development of public education, kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12); and provide recommendations to the executive branch, the general assembly, and the local boards of education and directors of schools regarding the use of public funds for education”

The Board has been working since spring 2015 to establish a vision and strategic priorities. This updated Master Plan builds on this work, establishing key policy levers within each priority area, as well as additional areas of focus. Furthermore, it articulates student achievement targets for the next five- and 10-year intervals across a host of important measures. The Board will continue to discuss these targets and policy levers between now and final reading, then use them to guide data review and policy conversations over the coming year. Policy levers and focus areas will be revisited annually to ensure careful attention to short and long term goals and monitoring.

The Master Plan provides the Board and all education stakeholders a lens through which they can examine state-level efforts to determine whether or not policies and practices are preparing Tennessee’s children for workforce and postsecondary success and citizenship.

Since first reading, the priority areas have been further refined. Additional details, including specific benchmarks, are identified for each key policy lever within the four strategic priority areas.

The Recommendation:

SBE staff recommends adoption of this item on final reading.