



## **Vision Statement**

Maintain Tennessee's position as the fastest improving state in the nation -- and to enter the top half of all states on student outcomes by 2020.

This means the State Board of Education must develop and maintain policies which ensure that the primary focus is on student success.

## **Strategic Priorities**

The State Board of Education will approach policy decisions with a student focus across the following priority areas:

- 1. Serve All Students** – we will work to ensure all students have the supports and pathways they need for success
- 2. High Quality School Options** – we will insist that all students have access to high quality schools regardless of zip code, prior achievement, or demographics
- 3. Great Teachers and Leaders** – we will work to ensure all students have access to great teachers led by great leaders
- 4. High Standards and Quality Measures** – we will ensure that Tennessee instructional standards are among the very best in the world, reviewed regularly, with an eye towards continuous improvement
- 5. Transparency, Public Engagement, and Oversight** – we will commit to good governance, effective oversight, and engagement with the citizens of Tennessee