

2020

# YEAR IN REVIEW

## LEADING THE NATION

The Tennessee Department of Education's strategic plan, Best for All, drives the work of the department to ensure *Tennessee sets all students on a path to success*. In the last year, TDOE has launched several new initiatives aligned to the strategic plan that have helped make our state a national leader in serving students, families, and communities despite the challenges of a global pandemic.



A new, comprehensive platform providing FREE lesson plans, videos, professional development, standards mapping, family resources, etc.



TEACHING TENNESSEE

Statewide partnership with PBS (*first in the country*) to show ELA and math lessons statewide daily for 1st – 8th graders who did not have internet access.



Launched statewide with \$20 million in grant funds to allow for districts to partner with colleges to identify local folks to become teachers for free.



Partnership with the Governor's Early Literacy Foundation to deliver high-quality books and literacy resources to 58,000 K-3 students in TN.

## ENSURING GREAT ACADEMICS

- (Phonics) Foundational Skills Supplement
- Literacy Grants
- Three STE(A)M Resource Hubs
- Middle School CTE Grants
- TN Pathways Certification

## SUPPORTING STUDENT READINESS

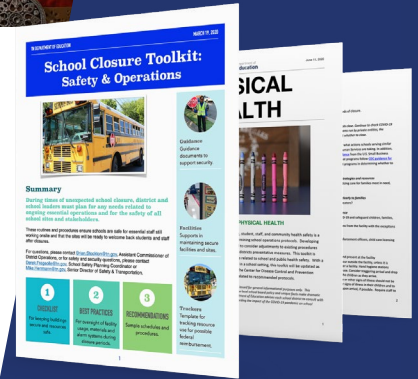
- First Lady Maria Lee's Tennessee Serves Campaign
- State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG)
- School Nutrition
- COVID-19 Emotional Support Line

## INVESTING IN OUR TEACHERS & LEADERS

- Diverse Leaders Network
- Three Principal Networks
- Special Education Endorsement Grants



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## COVID-19 RESPONSE

TDOE mobilized resources to support districts and serve students during the global COVID-19 pandemic. In 2020, the state had **one of the strongest school reopenings in the country** with a **99.4% open rate** for schools opting for in-person learning.

### DISTRICT SUPPORTS



100+ Guidance Documents

Only State to Provide FREE Professional Development for All Teachers & All Principals



Negotiated Low-Cost Rates for Instructional Technology devices

Launched Three Innovative Educator Hiring and Recruitment Initiatives

Over \$200 Million in Grant Funding:



\$80M+ PPE & Disinfecting Materials

\$60M+ Grants to Support Academics

\$50M Technology Grants

\$15M WiFi & Support Grants

\$11M Reopening Grants

\$8M Students with Disabilities

