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**State Board of Education Master Plan**

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**The Background:**

Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-302 requires the Board to “[d]evelop 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 . . .”

This revision of the *Master Plan* builds on the Strategic Plan developed by the State Department of Education and includes the following strategic priorities:

1. Expand students’ access to effective teachers and leaders
2. Expand families’ access to good schools
3. Expand educators’ access to resources and best practices
4. Expand public access to information and data
5. Set achievement targets and measure success

This version of the Master Plan further provides a list of key strategies for strategic priorities 1 through 4 which must be implemented for Tennessee is to reach its goals. The plan also sets out 15 achievement targets against which Tennessee can use to measure success. The Master Plan will provide all education stakeholders a lens through which they can examine educational policy and practice to determine whether or not those policies and practices are preparing Tennessee’s children for successful post-secondary work, education and citizenship.

**The Recommendation:**

The SBE staff recommends acceptance of the *Master Plan* on first reading.