

## **Education System Components**

*The Steering Committee adopted seven education system components, which needed to be addressed to create a new vision for public education in Georgia.*

### **1. Early Learning and Student Success**

"The first five years of life are critical to a child's lifelong development. Young children's earliest experiences and environments set the stage for future development and success in school and life."

### **2. Teaching and Learning**

"The future of education in Georgia will demand curricula, assessments, and instruction that reflect advances in technology, the exponential growth of knowledge, and the type of student that has emerged from a culture of instant gratification and constant stimulation."

### **3. Teaching and Learning Resources**

"Information age economics and market considerations are combining forces to generate radical rethinking and redesigning of this thing called 'school'."

### **4. Human and Organizational Capital**

"No matter how modern the facility, how savvy the technology, or how abundant the teaching supplies, the expertise of the teachers and leaders has the greatest impact on the quality and extent of student learning."

### **5. Governance, Leadership, and Accountability**

"At each of the levels - federal, state, and local - various governing entities have the authority to enhance educational programs that schools and school districts provide, or they can create conditions that preclude the delivery of an adequate education to every child."

### **6. Culture, Climate, and Organizational Efficacy**

"All organizations have a culture and a climate. A proactive approach to making them both as positive as possible will provide Georgia's educational system the greatest opportunity to achieve a high level of organizational efficacy."

### **7. Financial Resources**

"As transformational changes advanced by the Vision Project are considered for implementation, state-level policy makers will need to determine whether to incorporate them into a statewide plan for strengthening public education, and if so, to identify the cost and commit to securing the needed financial resources."