



## Our Vision

***Public education in Georgia will provide all children an equitable and excellent education that prepares them for college, career, and life.***

## Why Act and Why Now?

- To build trust and support for public education
- To ensure meaningful engagement of communities with their public schools
- To create a single vision to change the education culture in our state
- To provide a rewarding educational experience for all of Georgia's students
- To ensure our students are competitive in a global economy
- To increase significantly the high school graduation rate
- To ensure appropriate curricula for a new generation of learners
- To make learning more rigorous, more relevant, and more real
- To be more responsive to students' individual needs

## The Steering Committee

The Steering Committee consists of various members from around the state of Georgia representing education in many different capacities from state government, business and industry to educators and education leadership. The purpose of this committee is to guide the work of the Vision Project.

## 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.

- Early Learning and Student Success
- Teaching and Learning
- Teaching and Learning Resources
- Human and Organizational Capital
- Governance, Leadership, and Accountability
- Culture, Climate, and Organizational Efficacy
- Financial Resources

## Engagement

Several support mechanisms are provided for the work of the Vision Project including:

- Strategic Planning
- School Board Recognition Requirements
- Research associates and assistants
- Spark! Campaign
- Community conversations
- Component Work
- External expert content reviewers



## The Time is Now

The work is important, transformational and urgent. Policymakers at all levels must embrace the vision and effect its implementation to ensure that every child receives an appropriate educational experience. The time for communicating a clear, compelling and collective vision for our public schools is NOW. Our students deserve no less.

- **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.”*

- **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.”*

- **Teaching and Learning Resources**

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

- **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.”*

- **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.”*

- **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.”*

- **Financial Resources**

*“As transformational changes advanced by the Vision Project are considered for implementation, state-level policymakers 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.”*

## Learn → Discuss → Act

Go to [gavisionproject.org](http://gavisionproject.org) to learn more about the work of the Georgia Vision Project. Use the Vision Project’s key issues, guiding principles, promising practices and 42 recommendations as a framework for community engagement and staff professional development. Share your successes with your community and your elected public officials. Align local strategic improvement plans at district and school levels with the Vision recommendations. Develop a local Vision for Public Education that is aligned with the Georgia Vision Project framework. Use the *Georgia Vision Project’s “Spark”* marketing campaign toolkit to promote your successes in your schools.