## Strategic Plan 2019-2024

The educational needs of children and adults in SREB states are changing rapidly and profoundly. For more than 70 years, the Southern Regional Education Board has worked with states in the compact for the straightforward purpose of advancing knowledge and improving the social and economic vitality of the South. SREB partners with its 16 states to improve education at every level, from early childhood education through postsecondary education. SREB convenes state leaders and experts, conducts research, develops policy recommendations and provides school improvement programs to raise student achievement across the region and beyond.

The SREB Strategic Plan, developed through a collaborative process, involved the Executive Committee of the Board, the Legislative Advisory Council, SREB's administrative leadership team and organizationwide staff. It outlines the strategic work of the organization for fiscal years 2019 through 2024.

## **SREB Mission**

SREB's mission is to guide and support states as they advance all levels of education to improve the social and economic vitality of the SREB region.

## SREB Vision

Each child and adult in the SREB region will have high-quality educational opportunities that build on the rich diversity of the region and lead to productive, meaningful lives and robust economies.

## 2019-2023 Strategic Goals

- 1. Improve academic achievement and college and career readiness of preK-12 students by strengthening policies, programs and practices and using data more effectively.
- 2. Increase postsecondary attainment by supporting state efforts for equity, access and credential completion, particularly in areas of state need.
- 3. Raise economic prospects for individuals in the SREB region by supporting states, districts and schools in providing educational opportunities that lead to career readiness and livable wages.
- 4. Improve student learning environments for pre-K through postsecondary students by providing strategies for educators, leaders and counselors.
- 5. Expand the capacity of state policymakers and education leaders to create, implement and sustain effective educational policies and practice by strengthening education networks within and across states and by providing expertise and sound resources.
- 6. Expand SREB's reputation and visibility so that more shareholders use our research, recommendations and services to inform state education policy and improve outcomes for students.
- 7. Assure efficient internal operations systems to support our states and employees.