



Germantown Board of Education **2020 Legislative Agenda**

➤ **ELIMINATE UNFUNDED MANDATES**

The Germantown Board of Education opposes any new legislation, rules or regulations requiring the implementation of unfunded mandates and urges the General Assembly to create a vetting committee that reviews proposed legislation impacting instructional time or an LEA's fiscal capacity. (Resolution: 5/2017-2018)

➤ **LIMIT TESTING IN TENNESSEE SCHOOLS**

The Germantown Board of Education urges the General Assembly, Tennessee Department of Education and Tennessee Board of Education to limit K-12 testing. We request that the Tennessee Department of Education would allow school districts to choose the ACT Suite of Assessments in lieu of EOC Testing.

➤ **REPEAL PUBLICLY FUNDED EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS/VOUCHERS**

The Germantown Board of Education adamantly opposes any legislation or efforts, which are intended to create or expand programs in Tennessee that would divert money intended for public education to private schools or organizations. (Resolution revised 2.11.2019)

➤ **ESTABLISH ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE PATHWAYS**

The Germantown Board of Education urges the General Assembly, the Tennessee Department of Education and the State Board of Education to create alternative pathways for licensure attainment, advancement and professional development, including but not limited to, micro-credentialing and alignment with other professional licenses.

➤ **AMEND STUDENT DISCIPLINE LAWS**

The Germantown Board of Education requests that the General Assembly repeal or amend the current law which places students in grades seven through twelve (7-12) who receive an out of school suspension of ten days or less in an alternative school.



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➤ **DEVELOP FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT QUESTION BANK**

The Germantown Board of Education urges the General Assembly to require the Tennessee Department of Education to develop a formative assessment question bank that is reflective of the state mandated summative assessments for school districts to voluntarily utilize throughout the year.

➤ **AMEND EMPLOYEE BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIREMENTS**

The Germantown Board of Education implores the General Assembly to allow LEAs to take into consideration the time elapsed and severity of certain offenses when performing criminal history background checks on their current and potential employees.

➤ **FUND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT**

The Germantown Board of Education urges the General Assembly to increase funding for mental health and behavioral resources and professionals in schools, such as counselors, school psychologists, social workers and behavioral specialists.

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