

**Annual Joint Meeting
State Board of Education
Tennessee Higher Education Commission**

January 26, 2006, 3:30 pm (CST)
THEC, 18th Floor Conference Room

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Dr. Dave Spence, President, Southern Regional Education Board
Overview of national and regional P-16 actions to improve student preparation for college
3. Converging factors supporting Tennessee P-16 changes, particularly in mathematics
 - State Lottery Scholarships
 - Dual Enrollment Grant
 - State GEAR UP Grant
 - CollegeforTN.com
 - Passport to Opportunity Grant
 - State P-16 Council endorsement of math curricula alignment
 - Established local P-16 Councils
 - Task Force on High School Redesign – ACT Benchmarks
 - High School Uniform Grading Policy
4. P-16 actions to explore
 - Align secondary to post-secondary mathematics curricula and middle school to high school mathematics standards
 - Consider early math proficiency assessment in 7th and 10th grades for course placement
 - Consider value of recognizing ACT Benchmarks, especially for math
 - Require 4 units of mathematics for high school graduation
 - Require 4 units of mathematics for university admission
 - Promote incentive programs (tuition waivers, stipends) to attract more students to math teaching
 - Provide professional development for math teachers, including college credit Summer academies and on-going collaboration with college math faculty
5. Discussion:
 - Why should we commit to improving student learning in mathematics?
 - Why now?
 - What will it take to make these changes?