

# Student Support Services Strategic Plan 2020-2025

## Executive Summary

The Ohio School for the Deaf (OSD) and Ohio State School for the Blind's (OSSB) Student Support Services enhance the educational experiences of students through facilities maintenance and custodial, fiscal, food services, health services, human resources management, residential, security services, information technology and interpreting services. Student Support Services has crafted this 2020-2025 strategic plan and mission to help us "advocate for and empower students by meeting their physical, social and emotional needs and providing access to communication in a continuously improving environment. Student Support Services recognizes that each student has unique potential and that success will look different for each child.

Student Support Services' strategic plan aligns with Each Child, Our Future, Ohio's strategic plan for education, which extends through 2024. This plan strives to ensure that the time students spend in school is supportive and nurturing, and fosters success, whether students seek employment or continue their education after high school.

Each Child, Our Future accurately captured the world these students will enter when it observes that "Jobs are rapidly changing and require different skill sets." Our young adults who are blind, visually impaired, Deaf, or hard of hearing must be prepared for whatever the future holds for them. That may include job or career changes and jobs that rely fundamentally on technology. Students will need more sophisticated skills and are more likely to need technical training or additional education after high school to become gainfully employed.

The mission and goals Student Support Services has outlined in this plan focus on the "whole child" identified in Each Child, Our Future. The goals prioritize serving every aspect of each child – not only his or her academic growth. The mission holds us accountable for helping the Ohio School for the Deaf and Ohio State School for the Blind ensure all their students meet the ideal conditions outlined in the state's "One Goal": Ohio will increase annually the percentage of its high school graduate who, one year after graduation, are:

- Enrolled and succeeding in a post-high school learning experience, including an adult career-technical education program, an apprenticeship and/or a two-year or four-year college program;
- Serving in a military branch;
- Earning a living wage; or
- Engaged in a meaningful, self-sustaining vocation."

Our goals focus on the following:

1. Implement a strong communications plan
2. Provide high-quality professional health care for our students
3. Increase student progress toward independent living
4. Ensure safe and secure facilities

To learn more about the Student Support Services Strategic Plan 2020-2025, and the corresponding plans of the OSD or OSSB visit, [www.osd.oh.gov](http://www.osd.oh.gov) or [www.ossb.oh.gov](http://www.ossb.oh.gov). You can learn more about Each Child, Our Future, Ohio's strategic plan for education, at [education.ohio.gov/About/EachChildOurFuture](http://education.ohio.gov/About/EachChildOurFuture).

## Mission

Student Support Services for OSD & OSSB advocate for and empower students by meeting their physical, social and emotional needs, and providing access to communication in a continuously improving environment.

