

# Speaker Bio | Lori Paisley

Paisley's career in education spans over 30 years and starts in special education. Her experience as a special educator led her to establish a system-wide program for students with emotional disturbances, a program she led until going on to serve her school district in special education leadership. Paisley's school district was one of 10 pilot sites in the Tennessee Coordinated School Health program. When the program expanded statewide in 2007, she led this work for her district until joining the Tennessee Department of Education in 2012. During her tenure at the department,

Paisley served as the state contact for alternative education, dropout prevention, school counseling, and school safety prior to becoming executive director of Coordinated School Health and later moving into her current role as assistant commissioner. While working with students with disabilities led her to the field of education, Paisley's passion is school health and ensuring that students are healthy and ready to learn.