

2017 Priority Positions

In the interest of public education, we ask the Missouri General Assembly to

1. Support providing appropriations for fully funding the Foundation Formula and maintaining the integrity of the current Foundation Formula.
2. Support fully funding early childhood education through an increased appropriation in the Foundation Formula.
3. Support fully funding the transportation formula, including modifying the provision that penalizes school districts when they transport highly mobile students back to their original school of attendance.
4. Support local school district authority to make the decisions about matters such as, open enrollment; employee compensation and working conditions; class sizes; curriculum and instruction materials; professional development; program and employee evaluations; and school calendar. We strongly support local control.
5. Support the creation and development of a system of interventions that leads to improvements in achievement for provisionally accredited and unaccredited school districts.
6. Support legislation that annually reviews the effectiveness of tax credits and appropriates the funding based on the review.
7. Support legislation that seeks an equal opportunity for all taxing jurisdictions to support economic development.
8. Support legislation that requires the unanimous support of all taxing jurisdictions for any tax abatement project or otherwise provide an opt-out provision.
9. Support a change in the Missouri Human Rights Act that would re-align the Missouri Act with federal standards.
10. Oppose any legislation that would divert revenue from the public schools to non-public educational entities.
11. Oppose legislation which reduces the benefits provided by the current state public school retirement systems (PSRS and PEERS).
12. Oppose legislation that authorizes open enrollment.
13. Oppose any legislation that would make summer school funding a separate line item.