



Office of the President

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State Board of Education
P.O. Box 480
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear State Education Leaders:

I write to express support for an important effort being undertaken by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education – the Top 10 by 20 initiative. I also believe that revising the Missouri School Improvement Program standards to be more rigorous is a key element to this effort. Making Missouri’s public education system one of the Top 10 in the country is crucial to the future of our state.

I applaud the work that the Department, the State Board of Education and educators across Missouri have done over the past two decades to steadily improve education in our state. As we look ahead, we must redouble our efforts to ensure that our graduates can compete nationally and internationally.

A well-trained, highly qualified workforce is crucial to making Missouri a destination for the high-paying, high-skill jobs of the future. Reaching the Top 10 will lead to the prosperity and success that Missouri citizens deserve and expect.

Sincerely,

Gerald T. Brouder
President