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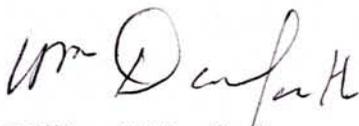
Dear State Education Leaders:

I support the important effort being undertaken by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education: the Top 10 by 20 initiative. This effort to make Missouri's public education system one of the top ten in the country is worthwhile.

I applaud the work that the Department, the State Board of Education and educators across Missouri have done over the past two decades to improve education in our state. As we look ahead we know we must redouble our efforts to make sure 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.

Sincerely,



William H. Danforth