

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:**March 2015****REPORT ON MISSOURI'S EQUITY PLAN UPDATE****STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Section 161.092, RSMo

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Item**DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 3:**

Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.

SUMMARY:

The U.S. Department of Education is requesting each state education agency to submit an Equity Plan that describes the steps it will take to ensure that “poor and minority children are not taught at higher rates than other children by inexperienced, unqualified, or out-of-field teachers” as required by section 1111 (b)(8)(C) of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (ESEA). Along with all other states, Missouri will be submitting its Equity Plan in June 2015.

This presentation is an update on the progress being made in drafting Missouri’s plan. It includes a review of the feedback being collected through focus groups hosted across the state with educators. The information gathered will be used to articulate the root causes of inequity in our state and potential strategies that could be identified for addressing these causes.

PRESENTER(S):

Paul Katnik, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Educator Quality, will assist with the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.