

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:**April 2015**

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF
JESSICA KARLL, 2014-2015 MISSOURI MILKEN EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Section 161.092, RSMo

Consent
ItemAction
ItemReport
Item**DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 3:**

Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.

SUMMARY:

The Milken Foundation recently announced Jessica Karll, third grade teacher at Discovery Ridge Elementary School in the Wentzville District, as the Missouri Milken Educator of the Year for 2014-2015.

Mrs. Karll has been teaching for seven years and has been in her present position at Discovery Ridge Elementary since 2010. Missouri's Blue Ribbon panel nominated four Missouri educators to submit for consideration to the Milken Foundation. From these highly qualified educators, Mrs. Jessica Karll was selected.

Mrs. Karll earned a bachelor of science degree in Elementary Education from the University of Missouri, St. Louis; a master's degree in Special Reading K-12 from Lindenwood University; a educational specialist degree in Reading from Lindenwood University; and will soon complete her master's degree in educational administration from Lindenwood University.

Mrs. Karll was recognized by the Milken Foundation at an all school assembly on October 16, 2014. Along with this honor, Mrs. Karll was presented with an unrestricted \$25,000 check from the foundation.

PRESENTER(S):

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

RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend that the State Board of Education adopt the proposed resolution.

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Resolution

Whereas, Jessica Karll has been selected as Missouri's Milken Educator for year 2014-2015 and will represent more than 69,000 classroom teachers in Missouri's public schools; and

Whereas, Jessica Karll, an elementary school teacher at Discovery Ridge Elementary, Wentzville School District, has been recognized by students, parents, colleagues and community leaders as a superior teacher who builds strong relationships with all educational stakeholders in order to maximize the academic, intellectual and lifelong potential of students and to strengthen and improve the school - community connection; and



Whereas, Jessica Karll is a leader and advocate who believes that each child is a unique individual whose feelings and needs have to be known and met in the classroom setting. Through the fostering and creation of a secure and stimulating environment, she ensures that each child's emotional, social, physical and academic well-being is nurtured. She creates a caring classroom community that allows all students to experience success, take risks and become self-regulated learners; and

Whereas, Jessica Karll is passionately committed to service and public education, and she inspires students to strive for excellence, to care about people, and to respect each other. Through relentless commitment and leadership, she empowers students and staff to become better learners, better mentors, better leaders, better friends and better citizens. She diligently works to provide students with real-world opportunities of service and learning that are relevant to their future; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Missouri State Board of Education formally commends Jessica Karll on her selection as Missouri Milken Educator for 2014-2015 and extends its congratulations to Mrs. Karll, her students, and Discovery Ridge Elementary School; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board expresses its appreciation to Mrs. Karll for her exemplary service to students, the Wentzville School District, and to public education in the State of Missouri.

Adopted April 21, 2015, at Jefferson City, Missouri



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter F. Herschend'.

Peter F. Herschend, President
Missouri State Board of Education