

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM: June 2020**CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF MELISSA FIKE,
2019-2020 MISSOURI'S MILKEN EDUCATOR****STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Section 161.092, RSMo

Consent
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Item**PRIORITY AREA**

Educator Recruitment & Retention

SUMMARY

The Milken Family Foundation announced Melissa Fike, eighth grade mathematics teacher at Oakland Middle School with Columbia Public Schools, as Missouri's Milken Educator for 2019-2020.

Ms. Fike has been teaching for 14 years and has been with the Oakland Middle school for this entire time, serving the past six years as the Mathematics Department Chair. Missouri nominated four educators for consideration by the Milken Family Foundation for this honor. From these highly qualified educators, Ms. Melissa Fike was selected.

Ms. Fike earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from the University of Missouri, Columbia and a Master in Teaching and Curriculum from Northcentral University, San Diego, California.

Ms. Melissa Fike was recognized by the Milken Family Foundation at an all school assembly on January 10, 2020. Along with this honor, Ms. Melissa Fike was presented with a \$25,000 cash award from the foundation.

PRESENTER (OR PRESENTERS)

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends that the State Board of Education adopt the proposed resolution.

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Resolution

Whereas, Melissa Fike has been selected as Missouri's Milken Educator for the year 2019-20 and represents more than 69,000 classroom teachers in Missouri's public schools; and

Whereas, Melissa Fike, a mathematics teacher at Oakland Middle School in Columbia, Missouri, is an incredible teacher who is committed to improving the lives of her students through education, believing wholeheartedly that every student can succeed, no matter how hard their journey has been; and



Whereas, Melissa Fike is a Nationally Board Certified teacher whose tireless focus on improved practices has led her school to see achievement gains in Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) scores. She uses formative assessment data to monitor student performance, inform her daily instruction, and allow for immediate, meaningful intervention when necessary; and

Whereas, Melissa Fike builds strong relationships with her students, enthusiastically communicating her high expectations and love of math, while also teaching students about the importance of perseverance and dedication. She brings out the best in her students, encouraging them to take an active role in their education by enabling them to monitor their own progress throughout the year; and

Whereas, Melissa Fike is a leader among her peers, dedicated to leading by example and innovating new, effective ways for teachers to best serve their students. She serves as math department chair for Oakland Middle School, is on the Oakland Executive Council that informs schoolwide decisions about best practices, and is instrumental in her district's focus on a Standards Referenced Grading system to increase student achievement; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Missouri State Board of Education formally commends Melissa Fike on her selection as Missouri Milken Educator for 2019-20, extends its congratulations to Melissa Fike and her students; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board expresses its appreciation to Melissa Fike for 13 years of exemplary service to the Columbia Public Schools, and to public education in the State of Missouri.

Adopted June 9, 2020, in Jefferson City, Missouri