

REPORT ON THE STATE BOARD OPERATED PROGRAMS

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Sections 161.020, 162.730, and
162.765, RSMo

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DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 1:

All Missouri students will graduate college and career ready.

SUMMARY:

Section 162.765 RSMo, establishes the state board operated programs. During the budget discussion in September, the State Board of Education requested an update on the state board operated schools. This presentation will provide information on state board operated schools including funding, staffing, and student enrollment.

PRESENTERS:

Dr. Stephen Barr, Assistant Commissioner of the Office of Special Education; Dr. Bonnie Aaron, Assistant Superintendent of Missouri Schools for Severely Disabled; Mr. Ernest Garrett, Superintendent of the Missouri School for the Deaf in Fulton; and Mr. Goeffrey Barney, Superintendent of Missouri School for the Blind in St. Louis, will participate in the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.



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*Update to the State Board of
Education*

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Missouri Department of
Elementary and Secondary Education

Overview of Presentation

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- Background information
- Answer some questions from the September State Board meeting
- Provide some additional information common to all three systems
- Brief discussion from each school leader
- Respond to questions from the State Board



Schools administered through the Office of Special Education

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- Missouri Schools for Severely Disabled
 - Supt. Archie Derboven, Asst. Supt. Bonnie Aaron
 - 34 schools, 870 students from 245 districts
- Missouri School for the Blind
 - Supt. Geoffrey Barney
 - Residential school in St. Louis
- Missouri School for the Deaf
 - Supt. Ernest Garrett
 - Residential school in Fulton



Questions from September

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- What are impediments to recruiting/retention?
- Do we get quality staff?
- Do we hold SBOPs to the same academic standards as all other school districts?
- Do we have resources to meet the needs of the Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)?
- What other information do we need to know to better understand the value of these schools?



Comments from the Leadership

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- Dr. Bonnie Aaron, Asst. Superintendent, MSSD (3rd year)
- Geoffrey Barney, Superintendent MSB (2nd year)
- Ernest Garrett, Superintendent MSD (2nd year)

