

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:		April 2019	
CONSIDERATION OF ST. LOUIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS' GOVERNANCE			
STATUTORY AUTHORITY:			
Sections 161.092, 162.1100 and 162.621, RSMo		<input type="checkbox"/> Consent Item	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Item
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Report Item
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES			
Access, Opportunity, Equity – Provide all students access to a broad range of high-quality educational opportunities from early learning into post-high school engagement.			
Teachers and Leaders – Prepare, develop and support educators to ensure an effective teacher in every classroom and an effective leader in every school.			
SUMMARY			
In February 2007, the State Board of Education, pursuant to authority under Missouri Revised Statute Section 162.1100, adopted a resolution to reestablish the Transitional School District of St. Louis, effective March 15, 2007.			
The continuation of operations of the Transitional School District of St. Louis was authorized in May 2008, November 2010, April 2014 and, again, in February 2016 by the State Board of Education. The authorization is effective until June 30, 2019.			
Section 162.1100 (12) provides that the transitional district shall be terminated by the State Board of Education upon a determination that the transitional district has accomplished the purposes for which it was established and is no longer needed.			
Areas of concern noted in 2007 when the Transitional School District of St. Louis was re-established have been addressed. The district has been classified by the State Board of Education as fully accredited since January 2017. The district's finances have steadily improved from a negative ending fund balance in 2010-11 to maintaining a positive ending fund balance for the past seven years. And, district leadership has remained stable under Superintendent Adams' tenure for the past ten years.			
PRESENTER			
Margie Vandeven, Commissioner of Education, will participate in the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.			
RECOMMENDATION			
The Department recommends the termination of the Transitional School District of St. Louis and return of district governance to the elected board of education, effective July 1, 2019.			

State Board of Education



St. Louis Public Schools

April 16, 2019





- February 15, 2007
 - State Board of Education re-established the Transitional School District of St. Louis
 - Effective March 15, 2007



- The Transitional School District shall be dissolved unless the State Board of Education determines that it is necessary for the district to continue to accomplish *the purposes for which it was created* (RSMo 162.1100)
- The State Board of Education authorized continuation of the Transitional School District:
 - May 2008 (effective until June 30, 2011)
 - November 2010 (effective until June 30, 2014)
 - April 2014 (effective until June 30, 2016)
 - February 2016 (effective until June 30, 2019)



- The Transitional School District shall be dissolved unless the State Board of Education determines that it is necessary for the district to continue to accomplish *the purposes for which it was created*
- The State Board of Education may cause the termination of the Transitional School District at any time upon a determination that the Transitional School District *has accomplished the purposes for which it was established*



- March 2007 - District Unaccredited, effective June 15, 2007
 - financial status
 - accreditation history
 - annual performance reports/student performance
 - leadership



2007	2019
Met Financial Stress Criteria in Sections 161.520-161.525, RSMo four of five preceding years.	Met Financial Stress Criteria in Sections 161.520-161.525, RSMo zero of five preceding years.
2005-2006 ASBR -5.79 % fund balance -\$24,517,029 deficit	2017-2018 ASBR 22.24% fund balance \$78,672,346
	In April 2016, voters approved the first tax levy increase in 25 years for the St. Louis Public School District.

Accreditation History



2007	2019
Unaccredited 2007	Accredited 2017 - 2019
Provisionally Accredited 2000 - 2007	Provisionally Accredited 2012 - 2017
Accredited 1994 - 2000	Unaccredited 2007 - 2012

Annual Performance Reports (APR)



2007	2019
APR at Accredited Level in zero of five preceding years, at Provisional Level three of five preceding years and at Unaccredited Level in two of five preceding years.	APR at Accredited Level in three of five preceding years, at Provisional Level one of five preceding years and at Unaccredited Level in one of five preceding years.

Student Performance



	2007-2008	2017-2018
Dropout Rate	13.9%	8.2%
Graduation Rate	55.9%	78.2%
Attendance	88.6%	93.2%
Out of School Suspensions	1720	473
Discipline Incident Rate (PER 100)	6.3	2.4
ACT Score	16.1	16.6
Pre-school enrollment	1142	2109
180 day positive placement	65.8%	61.4%
Student to teacher ratio	18-1	15-1
Staff with advanced degrees	48.4%	55.2%
ELA % Proficient/Advance (Can't Compare)	16.7% (Below State)	22.8 % (Below State)
ELA Growth		3 of 5 years
MATH % Proficient/Advance (Can't Compare)	14.1% (Below State)	18.4% (Below State)
Math Growth		4 of 5 years



2007	2019
Six superintendents in five preceding years	Dr. Kelvin Adams 2008 - present



Special Administrative Board

- Rick Sullivan (Governor Appointee)
- Richard Gaines (President of the Board of Aldermen Appointee)
- Darnetta Clinkscale (Mayor Appointee, 2016 – present)
- Melanie Adams (Mayor Appointee, 2007-2016)



Elected Board

- Dorothy Rohde-Collins, President
- Donna Jones
- Susan Jones
- Dr. Joyce Roberts
- Natalie Vowell
- Adam Layne (elected April 2, 2019 – not yet sworn in)
- Tracee Miller (elected April 2, 2019 – not yet sworn in)



Questions/Comments