

**CONSIDERATION OF CLASSIFYING ST. LOUIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Sections 160.518, 160.545, 161.092,  
161.210 and 163.031 RSMo.

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**DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 1:**

All Missouri students will graduate college and career ready.

**SUMMARY:**

During the December 1, 2015, State Board of Education meeting, the board voted to maintain the St. Louis Public Schools (SLPS) provisional classification. The Code of State Regulations for the Missouri School Improvement Program (5 CSR 20-100.105 (2)) provides that, “the board of education of any school district which is dissatisfied with the classification designation assigned by the board shall request reconsideration within sixty (60) calendar days of notice received of the original classification.” On December 14, the State Board and the Department received a request from the Special Administrative Board (SAB) to reconsider the decision. The SAB outlined significant accomplishments within the district as part of the rationale for their request for full accreditation.

While the Department commends SLPS for their progress, the recommendation has not changed. Established policy and practice require that multiple years of performance data be considered in the classification decision. This requirement has been consistently applied with other districts in the state and therefore precedent has been established.

**PRESENTER:**

Chris Neale, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Quality Schools, will assist with the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department recommends that the State Board of Education take no action.