

# Top 10 Talk with Commissioner



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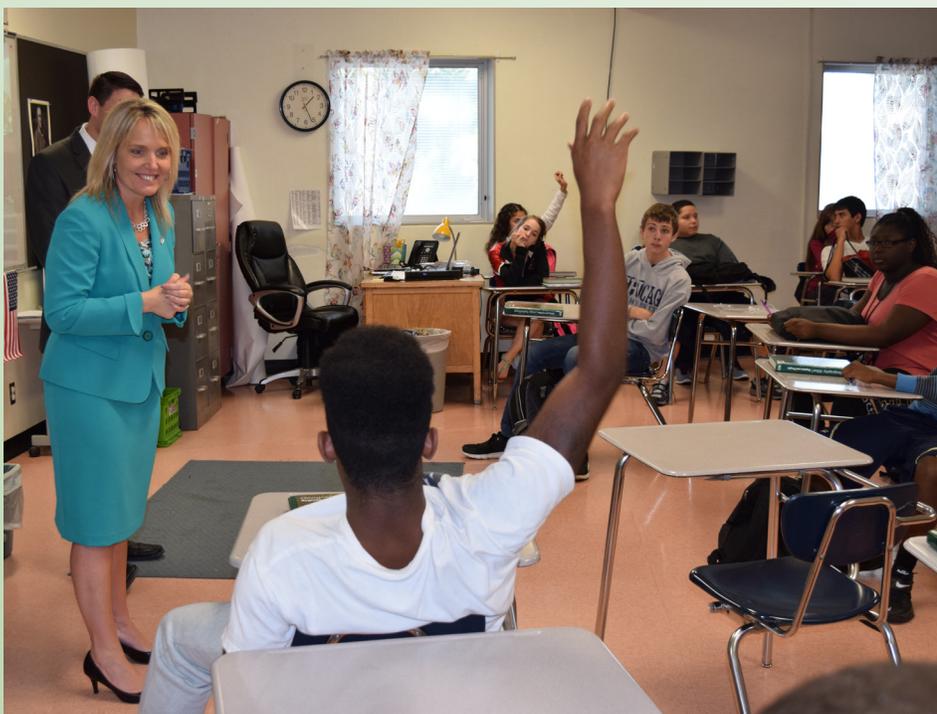


## Here's to a Successful 2016

Happy New Year! January is a busy time in education. All across the state our children and teachers are back in their classrooms. Here in Jefferson City, lawmakers have returned to the capitol for the beginning of the 2016 legislative session.

As I ponder our goals and some of the challenges that lie ahead, I am reminded of the time I spent visiting with students and teachers during the last year. What a blessing it has been to see education in action. Missouri students are learning real-world skills that become the foundation for a successful future. This type of learning doesn't just lead to a diploma, it helps shape our students into leaders for decades to come.

Student success is no accident. It takes highly effective teachers, strong support from parents, community members, lawmakers and many others. I look forward to working with the Missouri General Assembly in 2016 so that our



children have the opportunity to achieve their goals and reach their dreams. If we want all of our children to be successful, we must work together. Every child deserves to be taught by a great teacher. All students should be afforded the opportunity to learn at a high level.

It is an exciting time to be involved in education. We have the opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of ALL Missouri students. Let's work together to make 2016 a great year for our children.

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