

**MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:****April 2014****CONSIDERATION OF TRANSITIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS****STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Mo. Const. Art. IX, Section 2(A)  
Sections 161.092 and 162.1100, RSMo

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**DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 1:**

All Missouri students will graduate college and career ready.

**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 State Board of Education authorized the continuation of operations of the Transitional School District of St. Louis in May 2007 and renewed in November 2010. The authorization ends June 30, 2014.

Section 162.1100 (12) provides that the Transitional School District of St. Louis shall be dissolved unless the State Board of Education determines that it is necessary for the transitional district to continue to accomplish the statutory mandate.

Under the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP 5), each school district's accreditation status and the Annual Performance Report (APR) supporting data for the three most recent APRs will be reviewed by the Department to identify trends and status in performance outcomes. Generally, the Department will not make accreditation classification recommendations to the State Board of Education prior to the release of the 2015 APR. Recommendations will be made based on APR status and APR trends and may include other factors as appropriate, e.g. Comprehensive School Improvement Program (CSIP) goals, previous Department MSIP findings, financial status, and/or leadership stability.

In order to ensure stability in district leadership and implementation of current instructional programs, it is recommended that the State Board of Education authorize the continued operation of the Transitional School District of St. Louis through June 30, 2016. The State Board of Education will review the district's accreditation classification following the release of the 2015 Annual Performance Report.

**PRESENTER(S):**

Mark Allan Van Zandt, General Counsel, will participate in the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Department staff recommends the State Board of Education adopt the resolution continuing operation of the Transitional School District of St. Louis through June 30, 2016, to accomplish the purposes of Missouri Revised Statute Section 162.1100 and to ensure continued school improvement efforts.

**Resolution for the Continuation  
of the  
Transitional School District of St. Louis**

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 2(a) of the Missouri Constitution provides that the “supervision of instruction in the public schools shall be vested in a state board of education;” and

WHEREAS, Section 161.092 RSMo provides that the State Board of Education is authorized to carry out the educational policies of the state relating to public schools; and

WHEREAS, Section 162.1100 RSMo provides for establishment of the Transitional School District of St. Louis; and further provides that the State Board of Education may, at any time after the transitional school district is dissolved, cause the reestablishment of the transitional school district upon a determination that such is necessary to accomplish the purposes established in Section 162.1100 RSMo; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2007, the State Board of Education received the findings of the Special Advisory Committee on the St. Louis Public Schools identifying numerous challenges confronting the school district, with the Committee’s findings relating to student achievement in the St. Louis Public Schools consistent with data collected through the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP); and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2007, the State Board of Education, pursuant to authority under Section 162.1100 RSMo, adopted a resolution to reestablish the Transitional School District of St. Louis, effective March 15, 2007; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2008, the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 162.1100 RSMo, adopted a resolution authorizing the continuation of the Transitional School District of St. Louis until June 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2010, the Special Advisory Committee on the St. Louis Public Schools submitted its final report with recommendations for the future direction of the St. Louis Public School, which included support for the continuation of the Transitional School District of St. Louis.

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2010, the State Board of Education authorized the continuation of the Transitional School District of St. Louis until June 30, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the members of the State Board of Education, by virtue of the powers vested in the Board by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Missouri, hereby authorize the continuation of the Transitional School District of St. Louis until June 30, 2016.

THIS RESOLUTION, a copy of which shall be provided to the Governor, the Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives and the President Pro Tem of the Missouri Senate,

shall act as notice of the continuation of the Transitional School District of St. Louis, as specified in Section 162.1100 RSMo.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the State Board of Education, in the City of Jefferson, on this 15th day of April 2014.

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Peter Herschend, President  
State Board of Education

ATTEST:

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Robin Barbour, Secretary  
State Board of Education