



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MISSOURI SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION**

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A MORATORIUM ON THE OPENING OF
NEW SCHOOLS IN THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS
UNTIL A COMPREHENSIVE CITY-WIDE PLAN
FOR EDUCATION IS DEVELOPED**

Whereas, Schools and the communities they serve are facing critical issues impacting the efficient operation of a successful school district; and

Whereas, these issues cannot be resolved solely by school districts, but requires a partnership between school and community; and

Whereas, the Board of Education for the City of St. Louis recognized that declining student enrollment coupled with a continuous increase in the number of public charter schools could only be resolved in partnership with the community; and

Whereas, the trend in declining student population and in increase in the number of schools in the city has created inequities and inefficiencies in the resources and services available to students; and

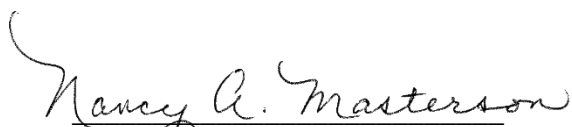
Whereas, the Board of Directors for the City of St. Louis passed a resolution calling for a moratorium on the opening of any schools and the creation of a comprehensive city-wide plan for education to ensure that all students receive a quality education regardless of where they attend school; and


Whereas, the St. Louis Board of Aldermen also passed a resolution in support of a moratorium on the opening of new schools and the creation of a city-wide plan for education; and

Whereas, the Board of Directors for the City of St. Louis assembled representatives from the office of the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen, education leaders and practitioners and city- and state-level policy makers to develop a city-wide plan to design excellent schools and provide quality education for students in all schools, neighborhoods and wards; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Missouri School Boards' Association commends the Board of Education for the City of St. Louis and the St. Louis Board of Aldermen for the establishment of an historic partnership with the City of St. Louis designed to address the critical issues facing schools and the inequities and inefficiencies cause by decreasing student enrollment and the creation of new schools; and doing the ground-breaking work in the creation of the St. Louis City-Wide Plan for Education Services that now serves as a model for community and school board partnerships throughout the state.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 14th DAY OF JANUARY 2022.


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