

## RESOLUTION ON HOUSE BILL #42

WHEREAS, Missouri House Bill #42 makes changes to the transfer law when a school district is considered unaccredited; and

WHEREAS, Missouri House Bill #42 is fiscally irresponsible to transferring school districts and would permanently undermine Missouri's ability to support public education; and

WHEREAS, Missouri House Bill #42 will allow receiving districts of transfer students to charge tuition based on a formula that takes into account their often much higher local tax levies than the sending districts enjoy, resulting in extreme financial difficulty to the transferring district; and

WHEREAS, Missouri House Bill #42 would force the transferring district to lay off teachers, maintenance and custodial staff, security, counselors, and nurses, and would result in overcrowded classrooms and reduce access to technology; and

WHEREAS, Missouri House Bill #42 eliminates the right of the parent to choose where to send their child for their education if their current district becomes unaccredited; and

WHEREAS, House Bill #42 has become merely a vehicle for expanding charter schools and virtual schools in Missouri and therefore allowing private entities to profit from taxpayer dollars meant for public education,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the City of St. Louis strongly urges Governor Jay Nixon to veto Missouri House Bill #42, and strongly recommends to the Missouri Legislature that they let stand the Governor's veto.