

The legislative update from the
Missouri State Teachers Association

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House Committee votes out bills relating to open enrollment and expansion of virtual education

HB1814 (Pollitt) and HB1903 (Christofanelli) are both opposed by MSTA based on Adopted Resolutions, opposition to public funding of virtual education without the oversight of a local education authority, and concerns about school consolidation.

Career Ladder bill approved by Committee

The House Workforce and Development Committee unanimously approved HB2493 (R. Black) that would restart the "Missouri Career Development and Teacher Excellence Plan". Changes to the currently unfunded program would include switching the funding to 60 percent state funded/40 percent local funded and allowing education employees to participate in the program after 2 years of teaching.

Supplemental budget continues to advance

March 24 is the deadline for the governor to sign the appropriation of federal funding sent to Missouri to support students, or it will be returned to the federal government. Before districts can spend this money, they must have plans that are approved by DESE. The Senate Appropriations Committee heard and voted out the supplemental budget this week.

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