



Sunshine Law Request
from the
Missouri Attorney General's Office



ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MISSOURI
ERIC SCHMITT

April 14, 2022

Superintendent Secretary
Central Office
Mountain View-Birch Tree R-III School District
1054 Old Highway 60
Mountain View, Missouri 65548
Sent by email to ssmotherman@liberty.mvbt.k12.mo.us

RE: Sunshine Law Request

Dear Ms. Smotherman:

I write to request copies of the following public records pursuant to Chapter 610 of the Missouri Revised Statutes:

1. All emails Board of Education Member Shelly Mantel received from or sent to an email address ending in @mosba.org since March 1, 2022.
2. All emails sent or received by Board of Education Member Shelly Mantel containing the terms "Council of State School Boards Association" or "COSSBA."

I request these records in an electronic format if that format is available.

These requests seek documents that are in the public interest because they are likely to contribute to a better understanding of the operations or activities of Mountain View-Birch Tree R-III School District. In addition, this is not a request for commercial purposes. For these reasons, pursuant to § 610.026.1(1), RSMo, the Missouri Attorney General's Office requests a waiver of any fees associated with processing this request for records. If that waiver is not granted, please provide an estimate of the cost.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin D. Smith", written over a horizontal line.

Justin D. Smith

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2022 Legislative Forum

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To: reply-76be546a08-d49a58cc4a-8bd4@u.cts.vresp.com Missouri School Boards' Association

To: smantel@liberty.mvbt.k12.mo.us

Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 11:33:07 AM Central Standard Time



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Join Us!

MSBA's 2022 Legislative Forum

Monday, March 7 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm | Capitol Plaza, Jefferson City | Cost: \$75

The forum gives you the opportunity to learn more about the proposed legislation and hear from MSBA's Advocacy team and other guest speakers, including state legislators and Missouri Commissioner of Education Margie Vandeven. After the morning sessions, MSBA members will have the chance to meet their local legislators and share how proposed legislation impacts their schools and the students they serve.

Agenda:

MONDAY, MARCH 7

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*Nancy Masterson, MSBA President
Camdenton High School Army JROTC
Camdenton Student School Board Representatives*

9:05 am Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Update

Commissioner of Education, Margie Vandeven

9:30 am Women in the Senate Panel

Moderator: Melissa Randol, MSBA Executive Director

- *Senator Lauren Arthur*
- *Senator Karla Eslinger*
- *Senator Elaine Gannon*
- *Senator Cindy O'Laughlin*
- *Senator Jill Schupp*

10:15 – 11:45 am Breakout Sessions (Pick 2)**A. HOT Legislative Issues Impacting Public Schools**

- *Mike Reid, MSBA Associate Executive Director*
- *Brandt Shields, MSBA Director of Governmental Relations*
- *Shawn Rhoads, MSBA Lobbyist*
- *Mike Grote, MSBA Lobbyist*

B. Why All Schools Should Care About Charter School Expansion

- *Georgia Jarman, Holden R-III, School Board Member*
- *Kristee Lorenz, William Woods University, Professor*

C. Advocating for YOUR School District

Moderator: Brent Ghan, MSBA Deputy Executive Director

- *Andy Bonderer, Fulton 58, School Board Member*
- *Larry Felton, Mehlville, School Board Member*
- *Kisha Lee, Ladue, School Board Member*
- *Jamie Robinson, Perry Co. 32, School Board Member*

D. Politicizing School Board Elections and School Board Service

- *Susan Goldammer, MSBA Associate Executive Director*
- *Jade Govero, Director of Strategic Communications*

11:45 am Lunch and Recognition of the Carter D. Ward Excellence in Advocacy Award Winner

12:30 pm Get on the Bus and Go to the Capitol!
Transportation sponsored by Midwest Computech

1:00 pm Public School Celebration in the Capitol Rotunda, 1st Floor
Governor Mike Parson
Nancy Masterson, MSBA President
Melissa Randol, MSBA Executive Director

1:00 – 3:00 pm Public School Student Showcase at the Capitol Rotunda, 3rd Floor
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2:00 – 4:00 pm Meet with Your Legislators!

4:00 pm House and Senate Convene – Have Your Representative or Senator Recognize Your Board on the Floor!

Staying Overnight?

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

8:30 am Join us for the State Board of Education Meeting
State Board of Education Meeting Room
Jefferson State Office Building, 1st Floor
205 Jefferson Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101

Register Now

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Conference Registration and Invoice

MSBA@embrams-mail.com Eileen Woody
To: woody@msbanet.org
To: smantel@liberty.mvbt.k12.mo.us

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 10:17:11 AM Central Daylight Time

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Reg 15 SRM Mountain Grove R-III	
Event Date(s):	04/13/2022 - 04/13/2022
Address	High School Arena.

You are now registered for the Region 15 Spring Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 13th at Mountain Grove R-III. Please contact MSBA Registration at registration@mosba.org with any questions.

Invoice Number	M77563
Payment Method	Credit Card

Registration Details

Shelly Mantel	Reg 15 SRM Mountain Grove R-III	\$45.00
Invoice Total		\$45.00

For a more detailed listing of this invoice please see [Invoice Link](#)

===== ORDER INFORMATION =====
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Critical Issue Alert: Public Comment Period for MSIP 6 Measures Now Open!

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Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 2:57:18 PM Central Standard Time

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Public Comment Period for MSIP 6 Measures Now Open!

DESE has released the draft *MSIP 6 Comprehensive Guide to the Missouri School Improvement*, detailing the measures that will be used for accountability and accreditation, for public comment. **We encourage you to review the measures and submit comments to DESE by March 28.**

Implementation of **MSIP 6** begins with the 2021-22 school year. This year, all local education agencies (LEAs) will participate in performance elements and some LEAs will volunteer to pilot the continuous improvement elements. Over the coming three years, the continuous improvement elements will be phased in for all LEAs. In accordance with Section 161.855, RSMo, classification status will not be lowered under MSIP 6 in this initial implementation year.

Stakeholders are invited to share questions and feedback during a comment period from March 8-25, 2022, using the [MSIP 6 feedback form](#). The next steps in the MSIP 6 implementation include a public hearing in May, establishment of targets for academic achievement this summer, and a final public hearing in the fall. MSIP 6 Information Meeting, March 17, 2022, at 12:00 pm. [Join the webinar](#)

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Executive Director Evaluations- Past Due

MSBA@embrams-mail.com Colleen Mahon

Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 1:13:38 PM Central Standard Time

To: mahon@mosba.org

To: smantel@liberty.mvbt.k12.mo.us

Good Afternoon MSBA BOD! ,

President Nancy Masterson extends a thank you to the Board of Directors who have already returned their Executive Director Evaluations to her.

If you have not mailed your evaluation as yet, but would like to be included in the results, please bring your completed form sealed in the provided envelope to the Legislative Forum next Monday, March 7, in Jefferson City.

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Best Regards,

Colleen

mahon@mosba.org

1.800.221.6722 x 340

smantel@liberty.mvbt.k12.mo.us Mantel, Shelly

Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 7:09:04 PM Central Standard Time

To: mahon@mosba.org Mahon, Colleen

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Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 9:27:23 AM Central Standard Time

To: smantel@liberty.mvbt.k12.mo.us Mantel, Shelly

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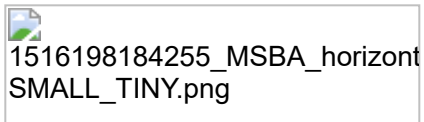
Colleen Mahon

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Executive Administrative Specialist

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From: Mantel, Shelly <smantel@liberty.mvbt.k12.mo.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 7:09 PM
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Fwd: The Weekly: Upcoming Spring Regional Meetings Provide Opportunity to Network and Learn

smantel@liberty.mvbt.k12.mo.us Mantel, Shelly

To: ssmotherman@liberty.mvbt.k12.mo.us Smotherman, Susan

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From: **Missouri School Boards' Association** <Missouri_School_Boards_Associati@mail.vresp.com>

Date: Tue, Mar 15, 2022, 4:32 PM

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In this Weekly:

- Upcoming Spring Regional Meetings Provide Opportunity to Network and Learn
- April 4 is Deadline for Nominations for Early Childhood Education Awards

March 15, 2022

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Upcoming Spring Regional Meetings Provide Opportunity to Network and Learn

One of the best chances for MSBA members to network, share ideas and learn about current issues will be at the Spring Meetings held in each of MSBA's 17 regions.

The agenda for each meeting will be the same, except the main program will feature presentations about successful programs or projects at school districts from within your region. The meeting schedule is below.

Program Schedule

5:45 pm	Registration
6:00 pm	Pre-Meeting Program – Current Legislative Issues
6:30 pm	Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance Introductory Remarks Recognition of Student Winner of John T. Belcher Award MSBA Officer Remarks BOD/REC Election
6:50 pm	Dinner
7:20 pm	Program - Sharing District Practices
8:25 pm	Meeting Evaluation / Attendance Award
8:30 pm	Adjournment

Attendance at the meeting satisfies board member certification and Governance Team Award criteria. If your region's meeting will be held after April 5, MSBA encourages newly elected board members to attend!

If six or more board members or administrators attend the meeting from your district, you have a chance to win \$250 for your district!

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**Missouri Department of
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Application Deadline:

4/1/22

[Submit an Application](#)
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Registration is \$45 per person and includes dinner.

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April 4 is Deadline for Nominations for Early Childhood Education Awards

Nominations for MSBA's preeminent award for local pre-kindergarten programs are now being accepted. April 4 is the deadline to submit nominations.

MSBA's FutureBuilders Foundation sponsors the Early Childhood Education Program of the Year Award, and it will be presented at MSBA's Annual Conference in November. Winning programs are selected from school districts in three categories (small, medium and large) based on a district's student enrollment.

If you know of an outstanding Pre-K program in your district, be sure to nominate it for this special recognition.

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Thank You For Your Continued Advocacy!

It was a BUSY week for advocates of public schools and the students they serve. The General Assembly will be on Spring Break next week (March 14 – 18), so please meet your legislators while they are home! There will not be a Legislative Voice next Friday, March 18. *If you have any questions about pending legislation, please contact MSBA's Governmental Relations Office in Jefferson City, 573-638-7501.*

- Annual Legislative Forum Featured Women Senators and Governor Parson
- [HB 1814](#) Open Enrollment and [HB 1552](#) Charter School Funding Passes the House
- House Creates Large Education Bill with [HB 1750](#)
- Senate Passes Literacy/School Innovation Waivers But Division Continues

March 11, 2022

Editor's Note: There will not be a Legislative Voice next Friday, March 18.

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Sen. Elaine Gannon (R-De Soto), Sen. Cindy O'Laughlin (R-Shelbina), Sen. Jill Schupp (D-St. Louis), and Sen. Karla Eslinger (R-Wasola) speak at the MSBA Legislative Forum on Monday, March 7 in Jefferson City. See more pictures of the forum including the Student Showcase on [MSBA's Twitter @Missourisba](#).

Annual Legislative Forum Featured Women Senators and Governor Parson

Thank you to the many school board members who traveled to Jefferson City to take part in the annual Legislative Forum this week! A highlight of the forum was the Women in Senate panel that featured Sen. Cindy O'Laughlin (R-Shelbina), Sen. Elaine Gannon (R-De Soto), Sen. Karla Eslinger (R-Wasola), and Sen. Jill Schupp (D-St. Louis). They shared how all 11 women senators, the most ever serving in the Senate at one time, are working together across the aisle to pass legislation.

Of the 1,118 Missouri state senators, only 36 have been women. The women senators have written a book about those legislators titled, "[You Can, Too!](#)" Books are available for every 4th-grade classroom and school library in the state. Be sure to contact your senator to receive the books.

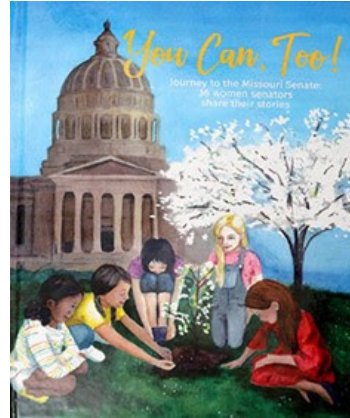
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Several education bills have yet to be considered by the entire House but may come to the floor at any time. This includes [HB 1747 \(Basye\) - School Board Member Recall](#) and [HB 2306 \(Christofanelli\) - Moving School Board Elections to November](#). It is critical to continue reaching out to [your legislators](#) and share YOUR experience as a nonpartisan, locally elected volunteer serving your communities' children.

Governor Mike Parson also addressed MSBA members in the first-floor rotunda in the Capitol at the Celebration of Public Schools. He spoke about the difficult decisions school board members made throughout the pandemic, including efforts to keep students learning in school. Missouri ranked 5th for the highest percentage of students learning in school compared to states across the nation. He also noted his support for increasing teacher salaries.



HB 1814 Open Enrollment and HB 1552 Charter School Funding Passes the House

[House Bill 1814 \(Pollitt\)](#), a bill that creates an optional open enrollment program for public schools, was amended and passed on the House floor.

In addition to the contents of the bill reported on before, several amendments were added to the bill. First, there was a change to how K-8 districts would handle funding for students who choose to open enroll before or after their 5th grade years. Additionally, existing statute regarding student transfers surrounding residential property would entitle an owner of residential or agricultural property in a nonresident district, or a beneficiary of a trust that owns such property, to send up to four of his or her children to a public school in the nonresident district. The owner or trust must have paid at least \$3,000 in school taxes over at least a three-year period. *MSBA continues to work with the bill sponsor on concerns about the new residential property amendment, as well as the overall bill, as this piece of education legislation enters consideration in the Senate.*

The House also amended and passed [HB 1552 \(Richey\)](#), a bill relating to charter school funding impacting Kansas City and St. Louis Public Schools. The bill has been amended to include the identical language in [HB 1814](#) that would allow for nonresident students to enroll in charter schools in some circumstances. An amendment to the bill also delays its implementation for five years for St. Louis Public Schools. An amendment to omit St. Louis Public Schools from the bill was defeated. St. Louis Public School board members along with SLPS parents have traveled to Jefferson City to advocate against the bill. See the [MSBA Board Report - March 2022](#) to learn more about their advocacy efforts.

House Creates Large Education Bill with HB 1750

Another major piece of education legislation is [HB 1750 \(Basye\)](#), requiring school districts to have a community engagement policy. The bill allows for residents of the school district to put an issue regarding school district governance or operation on a school board agenda and require the board to vote on the issue once the resident has followed district process. An amendment was adopted during perfection that removed troublesome private right of action language, as well as an amendment that slightly loosened the required vote mandate. The bill was loaded up with the following amendments, mostly based on other bills (similar bills in parentheses with sponsor) and then perfected:

- Teacher certification without passing the MEGA certification exam and expands the visiting scholar program to provide certification options in high-need areas. ([HB 1928 Pollitt](#))
- Subdistricting school districts for the election of school board members if the school board or voters of the district decide to do so ([HB 1804 Veit](#))
- School innovation waivers. ([HB 2152 Henderson](#))
- Teaching cursive reading and writing. ([HB 2073 Bangert](#))
- Use of motor vehicles other than school buses to transport students. ([HB 1973 Gregory](#))
- Extended learning opportunities outside the classroom for credit ([HB 1856 Baker](#))
- Financial incentives for districts to share superintendents ([HB 1721 Shields](#))
- Changing calculation for special education funding for small districts. ([HB 1469 Pike](#))
- Incentive weather make-up days for preschool programs. ([HB 1471 Pike](#))
- Requires the Children's Division to investigate claims of abuse by school personnel ([HB 2095 Kelly](#))
- Prohibits the use of corporeal punishment without written parent permission (New language offered by Rep. Proudie)
- Expands options for certification of substitute teachers ([HB 1592 Lewis](#))
- Allows tuition-free attendance of nonresident students if parents own, or are a beneficiary of a trust that owns, residential or agricultural property in the district in some circumstances. (Similar to language added on [HB 1814 Pollitt](#))
- Shifts burden of proof for IEP due process hearings to school districts. ([HB 2010 Smith](#))
- Requires the Missouri Accountability Portal to include the salaries of school district and charter school employees. ([HB](#)

[2359 Basye](#))

- Mandates gifted education if the district has over 3% of students identified as gifted ([HB 2366 Shields](#))

Even more single issue House Bills were third read at the end of the week. In total, 38 House Bills can now be considered in the Senate. See an entire list of [House Bills Third Read and Passed](#) here.

- [HB 2304 \(Lewis\): Substitute Teachers](#)
- [HB 1743 \(Dogan\): Hairstyles](#)
- [HB 2366 \(Shields\): Gifted Education](#)
- [HB 1418 \(Dinkins\): School Protection Officers](#)

House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee

Visit the [MSBA Action Center](#) to read the bills heard for public testimony and passed in the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee on Tuesday this week.

Senate Passes Literacy/School Innovation Waivers But Division Continues



Late Tuesday night, the Senate took up [SB 775 \(Thompson Rehder\)](#), a bill that modifies laws relating to sexual offenses and establishes the Sexual Abuse Survivors' Bill of Rights. Sen. Rick Brattin, a member of the conservative caucus, offered an amendment to the bill creating a Class A misdemeanor for providing 'obscene material' to a student. By adding this controversial amendment, also referred to as a 'poison pill,' the bill would likely not pass, and the bill sponsor laid the bill over. Senate business continued to stall the remainder of the week. [Read more about the continuing division in the Senate here.](#)

On Thursday, the Senate third read and passed bills for only the second time this session before adjourning for spring break. Included in the list of bills passed was [SB 681& 662](#), [Senator O'Laughlin's literacy bill](#) that includes school innovation waivers. This bill now moves on to the House – the first senate education bill to cross chambers.

Senate Education Committee (*pictured above*)

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CRITICAL ISSUE ALERT: School Board Member Recall in the Missouri Senate

[Senate Bill 657](#), a school board member recall bill, could come before the Senate next week. SB 657 is sponsored by Senator Mike Cierpiot (R-Lee's Summit) and is on the Senate perfection calendar.

This legislation requires a petition signed by 25% of the number of voters in the last school board election. A rather broad list of offenses may make a school board member eligible for a recall. [View a one-page brief](#) on SB 657 and HB 1747 (the House version of school board recall) to learn more. A few important points to share with your Senator:

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- School board members are often unable to defend votes on personnel or student issues due to federal and state privacy laws regarding employment and student records.
- This bill could discourage local parents, grandparents, and taxpayers to run for school board and give undue influence to outside groups attempting to cause chaos and havoc in our local public schools.
- If passed, this law would only apply to volunteer school board members. State legislators and statewide elected officials **are not** able to be recalled.

Now is the time to reach out to your State Senator and ask them to vote NO on SB 657. [Find the legislators who represent your entire school district here.](#)

House Activity Report

The Missouri House continued its usual pace of bills this week. Two education bills were perfected on the floor. The first was Rep. Ben Baker's [HB 1856](#) - Extended Learning Opportunity Act. This bill would allow students to take for-credit courses offered after school through vendors if the courses are approved by the State Board or a local district.

The second was Rep. Travis Fitzwater's [HB 2202](#) - Computer Science Courses. This bill would require high schools to offer at least one computer science course, which Missouri colleges may count as a computer science or practical arts credit for admissions purposes. School districts would be required to collect certain course information data and demographic data of students who enroll in these computer science courses and submit that information annually to DESE.

House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee

The House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee heard public testimony on four bills, and voted seven bills out of committee at its weekly hearing on Tuesday. See a description of those bills on the [MSBA Action Center here](#).

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Important Dates

May 6 - Last day to pass FY23 Budget

May 13 - Last day of session

June 11 - Summer Delegate Assembly

November 4 - Fall Delegate Assembly



Keep track of upcoming committee meetings, descriptions of bills, legislator contact information, and other advocacy resources like MSBA's Advocacy Positions at the [MSBA Action Center](#).





Pictured: Gasconade R-II School Board President Glenn Ely advocates for his school district testifying before the House Education Committee on Tuesday morning.

Legislative Update at Spring Regional Meetings

Be sure to attend your MSBA Spring Regional Meeting. A brief legislative update will be presented at the beginning of each meeting. [Registration is open here.](#)

Senate Activity Report

After what appeared to be a return to usual (pre-2022) Senate function in the early part of the week, the Senate instead reverted to what we had seen for the first half of session: a continued feud between the majority Republicans and the Conservative Caucus.

Wednesday afternoon, the Senate took up Sen. Lincoln Hough's (R-Greene County) bill that would allow the state to engage in design build contracts. Members of the Conservative Caucus soon seized control of the bill and the floor by adding an amendment that would prevent any state entity from entering into a contract with any employer that has or would enforce a COVID-19 vaccine mandate. This debate lasted until midnight, when the Senate announced it would stand at ease – a parliamentary procedure that keeps the Senate in session, often while a deal is negotiated behind the scenes. We would soon learn that the deal that was being attempted was on the Congressional redistricting maps. The senate returned around 6:30 in the morning, Sen. Hough laid his bill over, allowing the Senate a path forward to bring the Congressional maps up for debate.

After debate throughout the morning and afternoon, a map presented by Sen. Andrew Koenig (R-Manchester) was voted on and passed 22 - 10. A minimum of 18 votes is needed to pass a bill in the Senate. This map is different from the House version passed in [HB 2117](#) earlier this year, and so now the House must reconsider the Senate version. Candidate filing for the congressional districts ends March 29. See the unofficial candidate filing list at the [Missouri Secretary of State's website here.](#)

Senate Education Committee

The Senate Education Committee held a public hearing on four bills – three K-12 bills, and one higher education bill – on Tuesday afternoon. An executive session was scheduled for Thursday morning but was canceled due to the ongoing debate on the Senate floor. See a description of the bills for public hearing on the [MSBA Action Center here](#).

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Senate Takes Up But DOES NOT Advance School Board Recall or Charter School Funding Legislation

Late Wednesday afternoon, the Senate took up [Sen. Mike Cierpiot's \(R-Lee's Summit\)](#) school board member recall bill, [SB 657](#). This bill allows for a school board member to be subject to a recall election for a long, broad list of offenses. The Senate version of this bill requires 25% of the number of voters in the last school board election to sign a petition to initiate a recall election.

The floor debate started with Sen. Cierpiot offering a substitute that included two provisions:

1. School districts may pay their school board members a stipend of \$500 a month
2. School districts may allow the school board members to participate in the district's health insurance program.

[Sen. Doug Beck \(D-St. Louis\)](#), a former school board member from Affton Public Schools, offered an amendment that would allow school districts to collect court costs from a frivolous civil action by

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the attorney general. He also offered an amendment that would require the costs of the recall election to be paid from the Secretary of State's budget and not the school district. These amendments did not pass (10-21).

Sen. Beck, Sen. [Jill Schupp \(D-St. Louis\)](#) and [Sen. Lauren Arthur \(D-Kansas City\)](#) held the floor for some time to discuss the service of school boards and thanked school board members for their dedication and service during these unprecedented times.

After nearly two hours of discussion Sen. Cierpiot requested the bill be laid over on the informal calendar because the bill lacked support to advance. Now, the bill may be brought back to the floor at any time, but with only six weeks left in the session, it is uncertain if the issue will be revisited.

We thank Sen. Doug Beck, Sen. Jill Schupp, Sen. Lauren Arthur, and [Sen. Karla May \(D-St. Louis\)](#) for supporting Missouri school board members and the students they serve. We also thank the many other senators who voiced their opposition to this bill as well.



Please continue to reach out to your legislator about school board member recall bills: House Bill 1747 & Senate Bill 657. Ask them to VOTE NO. See more information about the bills.

Charter School Funding

Later that evening, the Senate took up [SB 869](#), a charter school funding bill sponsored by [Sen. Andrew Koenig \(R-Manchester\)](#). This bill would allow local aid to fund charter schools where they are currently operated in St. Louis and Kansas City. It is the Senate version of [House Bill 1552 \(Richey\)](#).

Sen. Doug Beck stated that charter schools were taxation without representation since charter schools do not have locally elected school boards. He continued to hold the floor and discussed the issue with Sen. Steven Roberts and Sen. Karla May who both represent large portions of St. Louis Public Schools. Sen. May said the bill was a premature attempt to change funding without fully understanding the issue.

After several hours of debate, Sen. Koenig asked for the bill to be laid over on the informal calendar due to lack of support. Like the

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recall bill, this bill can come back to the floor at any time. The companion [HB 1552 \(Richey\)](#), that passed the Senate Education Committee on Monday, may also be brought up for discussion anytime.

Read more about the activity of the Senate Education Committee on the [MSBA's Action Center here](#).

HOUSE ACTIVITY REPORT

FY23 Budget Process Begins - House Budget Committee Removes Teacher Pay Increase

The House Budget Committee began walking through the line items for the FY23 state budget on Monday. [HB 3002 \(Smith\)](#) is the bill that allocates funding for K-12 schools.

One major line item removed by the House Committee Chair, Rep. Cody Smith (R-Carthage) included Governor Parson's recommendation to increase minimum starting teacher pay. The governor shared this legislative priority with school board members at MSBA's Legislative Forum on March 7.

This line item costs \$47 million and would have created a grant program for school districts to assist with raising starting teacher pay from \$25,000 to \$38,000 a year. Rep. Smith's concern with the grant program is the local cost associated with adjusting the salary schedule to accommodate an increase in starting pay.

Discussions on the budget continue through next week. The Missouri Constitution requires the legislature to pass a balanced budget, and the deadline is May 6, just five weeks away.

On the floor, the House third read and passed [HB 1750 \(Basye\)](#). This bill is an education omnibus bill that includes over 15 provisions. The underlying bill would require school districts to create a community engagement policy. While MSBA has worked with the sponsor, House Education Chair Rep. Basye, to improve the language from the original bill, MSBA still has concerns and will continue working on the bill as it now moves to the Senate. [See more information about HB 1750.](#)

See a summary of bills heard in the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee on [MSBA's Action Center here](#).

MSBA Submits Comments to Treasurer on Tax-Credit Voucher Program

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In 2021, the Legislature created the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Account Program (MES), Missouri's first tax-credit voucher program. This week MSBA submitted comments on proposed regulations issued by the Treasurer's Office. MSBA is concerned that the regulations do not go far enough to protect students and taxpayers and to ensure that the funds made available under this program, will be spent on a high-quality education. MSBA is particularly concerned that the following items are missing from the regulations:

- A formal process for screening and selecting the educational assistance organizations (EAOs) that will be collecting donations, issuing tax credit documents, funding the scholarships, and benefiting financially.
- A process for allocating the tax credits among the various EAOs, giving some organizations the opportunity to control more scholarships than others.
- Robust protections against fraudulent use of the scholarship accounts.
- Supervision of investment of the scholarship account funds.
- Legal authority for the Treasurer's Office to administer an educational program, as the Missouri Constitution limits the Treasurer's duties to handling state and federal funds.

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There are only five weeks left of the regular session for the 2022 General Assembly.

- FY23 Budget Passes House; Career Ladder Re-Funded
- Senate Takes Up HB 1552 Making State Pay for Charters; Adds MOCAP Changes
- MSBA testifies in support of SB 1075 - Get the Lead Out Act

FY23 Budget Passes House; Career Ladder Re-Funded

The FY23 state budget hit the Missouri House floor last week for debate among all House members. The budget for Elementary and Secondary Education, [HB 3002 \(Smith\)](#), passed 96-41 and includes the same or 'flat' funding for many line items from last year's budget.

Unlike previous years, there is a substantial amount of money in Missouri's General Revenue due to federal spending packages passed by Congress and strong economic growth from sales tax

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collection. An estimated \$1.8 billion was available but not spent in the budget passed by the House.

Some items in the House version of the FY23 budget include:

- \$3.7 billion Foundation Formula (flat from FY22)
- \$114 million School Transportation (flat from FY22)
- \$340 million School Nutrition (flat from FY22)
- \$37 million Career Ladder (new)
- \$75 million Close the Gap Program (new)

There were attempts to add more funding to many education line items like increasing teacher pay, school transportation, and school counselors but most amendments failed. Two amendments to fund childcare for essential workers and create childcare centers at high schools were adopted by House members on the floor.

New this year, is the Close the Gap Program. This was offered in the supplemental budget passed earlier this year, but removed by the Senate in the final bill. The program is a one-time grant of up to \$1,500 paid to parents for “qualifying enrichment activities”, such as “tutoring, extended school day educational programs, academic and arts-related day or summer camps, and educational, learning or study skills services”. The program is directed by DESE and may be administered by a third-party vendor.

The budget now heads to the Senate, where due to the \$1.8 billion left on the bottom line, there are expected to be a number of changes from the House version. Any differences between the two would be negotiated in a conference committee between the two chambers before final approval from the General Assembly. The constitutional deadline for budget passage this year is May 6 – only four short weeks away.

House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee

The House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee held their regularly scheduled Tuesday meeting. [See the bills discussed in that hearing.](#)

Senate Takes Up HB 1552 Making State Pay for Charters; Adds MOCAP Changes

The Senate Substitutes now includes charter school funding paid by the state and changes to MOCAP, the virtual schools program. [See the full bill text here.](#)

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Late last Wednesday night, the Senate took up [HB 1552 \(Richey\)](#). This bill started in the House as a bill for charter schools to receive funding from the local effort of the Kansas City and St. Louis Public Schools. Before leaving the House, tuition-free non-resident student enrollment was added to the bill but was removed in the Senate Education Committee.

As reported in [the previous Legislative Voice](#), the Senate version of this bill, [SB 869 \(Koenig\)](#), was brought to the Senate floor, but laid over after several St. Louis-area senators stood up and spoke on the bill beginning to filibuster.

After a week of negotiation and changes behind the scenes, a new version of HB 1552 was brought before the Senate on Wednesday. The new Senate Substitute for HB 1552 included significant changes to both charter school funding and virtual education. The Missouri National Education Association (MNEA) and the Missouri Association of School Administrators (MASA) were involved in the final negotiations and agreement on the substitute that was adopted Wednesday.

What follows is what we believe the intentions of the bill to be. However, our legal team and analysts are continuing to read and review the language in the bill, to see if how the bill was drafted aligns with the intentions that were expressed to our Association. MSBA will keep you updated on our analysis and how these changes could affect your district.

The charter funding provisions in the bill would now mean that KCPS and SLPS would keep similar funding levels as they have now, instead of sharing the additional local effort with charter schools through the formula that was proposed in the original bill. If this bill passes, the state will instead provide the local effort charter schools would have received under the original HB 1552 agreement through state general revenue.

Three charter school accountability measures were also added to the bill:

- Requires any charter school management company to be a nonprofit
- Requires charter school board members to live in Missouri
- Requires charter schools to publish their annual performance report (APR)

The virtual education provisions in the bill would change how students are accepted into a full-time virtual program, how the virtual programs are paid for, and where full-time virtual students are counted for state aid. The bill also adds provisions regarding virtual



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educational services plans to aid in student success if they enroll virtually full-time.

The changes to charter funding and virtual education in this bill are intricate and significant. We will keep you updated both here in the Voice, and in the Action Center, as this bill continues its trek through the Legislature. The bill has been referred to the [Senate Governmental Accountability and Fiscal Oversight Committee](#).

Senate Education Committee

The Senate Education Committee held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday and an executive session on Wednesday. [See the bills discussed in those meetings](#).

MSBA testifies in support of SB 1075 - Get the Lead Out Act

MSBA's Governmental Relations Director Brandt Shields testified on behalf of the association in support of [SB 1075 \(Schupp\)](#), a bill to create a grant program to help schools pay for lead mitigation efforts. The bill sponsored by Sen. Jill Schupp (D-St. Louis) was heard in the Senate Committee for Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment.

"There is no safe level of lead..." Sen. Jill Schupp said when presenting the bill and suggested filters on drinking fountains and faucets used for eating and drinking in schools. The bill prioritizes low-income areas and elementary schools. [Read the Senate summary of the bill here](#).

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There are only four weeks left in the regular session for the Missouri General Assembly. Both chambers will not be in session on Monday, April 18 for the Easter holiday and will convene on Tuesday, April 19. This week:

- House Gives Initial Approval to Extensive School Regulation Bill; Elections Bill includes Transgender Student-Athlete Provision; Vaccines for Attendance in Public Schools
- Senate Adds Public School Records Act to Highway Patrol Records Bill
- **SAVE THE DATE:** June 11 - MSBA Delegate Assembly in St. Charles, MO

House Gives Initial Approval to Extensive School Regulation Bill

The House perfected [Rep. Ben Baker's HB 1858](#), a bill that began as a "Parent's Bill of Rights", and now also includes language

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relating to school records, school board meetings, and discussions of race and history. Some of the provisions in HB 1858 are already enshrined in law, such as access to student records and curricula. HB 1858 also included a bipartisan effort led by Rep. Shamed Dogan that states teachers and students cannot be compelled to personally adopt, affirm, adhere to or profess ideas in violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

MSBA has always believed that the best educational outcomes for students come when parents are involved in their child's education. We welcome, encourage, and promote parents to be active in their schools and their school district. The vast majority of school board members are parents or grandparents themselves, who volunteer their time to ensure that quality schools exist for all students. However, MSBA has concerns with provisions in HB 1858 that add regulation, remove clarity in current law, and would jeopardize your ability as locally elected school board members to effectively govern your schools.

For example, the bill would require permission slips for every assembly held in the school for the student to attend. This would make it difficult to celebrate timely student accomplishments – like a team's accession to the state title game, or a visit from a legislator to present a resolution, without first ensuring every student has a signed permission slip.

- **The bill adds more paperwork for staff and expense to the state.** The bill would require every district to upload all curricula and professional development materials to a DESE operated, searchable database every six months and post on the district's webpage the district's curriculum, updated every 30 days. This amendment added a fiscal note of over \$4 million to the bill.
- **The bill would legislate public comment at Board meetings.** The bill would require an hour of public comment period, or at least 20 speakers, at the beginning of every regular school board meeting, with a minimum of three minutes per speaker. This is a provision that the state legislature does not impose on themselves – often, in General Assembly committee meetings, legislators limit public testimony to one minute per person and do not allow an hour of testimony.
- **The bill removes local control.** Overall, this legislation continues the encroachment of Jefferson City on the local control of school districts by you, the locally elected school board members. MSBA will be working with legislators to

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protect local decision making as we enter the final weeks of session.

For more information on the details of the bill, [see this summary](#).

Elections Bill includes Transgender Student Athlete Provision
[HB 2140 \(McGaugh\)](#) began as a change to election laws, but had a provision added on the floor late Wednesday night relating to transgender athletes in student athletics. If passed, this provision would allow residents of a district to vote on whether to allow a transgender female student to participate in school-sponsored female sport.

Vaccines for Attendance in Public Schools

The House perfected or gave initial approval to [HB 2452 \(Cook\)](#), with an amendment that removes the authority of Department of Health and Senior Services to designate required school vaccinations, and adds exemptions to vaccinations for “conscientious beliefs” and students who can prove they have acquired immunity. The amendment also modifies the process for seeking an exemption and requires school districts to advertise to parents how to seek an exemption.

The House also perfected, or gave initial approval this week to:

- [HB 2152 \(Henderson\)](#) relates to school innovation waivers.
- [HB 2376 \(Kelly\)](#) requires districts to pass through 80% of per pupil funding to private residential facilities or other facilities located within the district if the facility is used to provide education and provides no mechanism for the district to collect the local effort or any costs from the student’s resident district.
- [HB 2325 \(Patterson\)](#) allows for students to take courses offered after school if the courses are approved by the State Board or a local district. Districts are required to advertise and accept credit and cannot prohibit a student from taking an approved course. Also requires districts to develop with parents an individual career and academic plan (ICAP) for each student before 9th grade and for students to declare prior to 12th grade their postsecondary plans.

Senate Adds Public School Records Act to Highway Patrol Records Bill

[SB 761 \(Brown\)](#), which began as a bill relating to fees for requests for documents from the Highway Patrol, had a provision added by amendment on the Senate Floor by Sen. Bob Onder creating the “Parents’ Access to Public School Records Act.” Most of the rights listed in this amendment are similar to those listed [HB 1858](#). Many

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Report on Committee Hearings

The House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and the Senate Education Committee held their regularly scheduled Tuesday meetings. The Senate Education Committee also held an executive session to pass out a number of bills. [See those bills and a brief description here](#).

[See the bills being considered in next week’s committee hearings here](#).

Save the Date: June 11 MSBA Delegate Assembly

The upcoming MSBA Delegate Assembly is in conjunction with the MSBA Igniting Great Ideas Summit in St. Charles. Delegates will elect [MSBA officers](#) during the Delegate Assembly. Please remind your MSBA Board Delegates to save the date!

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of the records referenced in the amendment are already available to parents, such as access to curricula, books, instructional materials and medical and student records.

However, language in the amendment is also vague, including language that says “The right to have sufficient accountability and transparency regarding school board records” opening the district up to lawsuits. There is also language that would require school districts to report to parents any misdemeanor or felony committed by a staff member of the school – this could include any traffic infraction committed by staff, and would be nearly impossible to implement.

Additionally, MSBA has legal concerns regarding a section that states that “Each school board meeting pertaining to curricula, safety, or other student issues shall be held in public and allow for public comments.” School emergency plans relating to active threats in the school building need to be confidential and many “student issues” must be addressed in closed session to avoid violating state and federal privacy laws.

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Literacy, School Innovation and Tax Reform Given First-Round of Approval in the Senate

After the successful collaboration and passage of the supplemental budget bill last week, the Missouri Senate attempted to return to normalcy, but fell apart by the end of the week.

The body gave first round-approval, also called "perfected", to [SB 681 \(O'Laughlin\)](#). This detailed bill is designed to provide early intervention for students struggling in reading. The bill also includes school innovation waivers - a process where schools could be granted an exemption from a specific educational law or regulation to improve student career and college readiness. Some of the senators who worked on the bill will be speaking at [MSBA's Legislative Forum on Monday, March 7 in Jefferson City](#). If you plan to attend, remember to [download the conference app](#) on your phone or mobile device.

The Senate also perfected [SB 649 \(Eigel\)](#), which could seriously impact school district property taxes. If passed, it would:

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Governor Parson Confirmed for MSBA Legislative Forum
Missouri's Governor Mike Parson will attend MSBA's Legislative Forum on Monday,

- Allow for taxing entities, such as school districts, to reduce the real property taxes for persons 65 or older or require an election on the issue after a petition.
- Slowly reduces personal property taxes in St. Charles, Cass, Henry, Bates, Vernon and Barton counties.
- Cap increases in reassessment of residential property at CPI inflation or 10%, whichever is greater.

More on Senate Activity

The Senate Education Committee heard public testimony on Tuesday, March 1 on the following bills:

[SB 769 \(O'Laughlin\)](#): Creates recovery high schools to educate and support students suffering from substance abuse disorder or substance dependency. The school would allow for the enrollment of non-resident and out-of-state students.

[SB 781 \(Moon\)](#): Prohibits transgender females from participating in female sports and creates a cause of action against a school district that allows such participation.



House Activity Report

This week on the floor of the House, legislators took up and perfected [HB 2304 \(Lewis\)](#), a bill making changes to substitute teaching certifications. Read more about the bill on [MSBA's Action Center here](#).

The House also perfected: [HB 2366 \(Shields\)](#), which would require school districts to provide gifted instruction if 3% or more of the district's students qualified for such instruction. [HB 2325 \(Patterson\)](#) was also perfected. This bill initially created a program for adult high school dropouts, but was amended to:

- Create an extended learning opportunities program for K-12 students, which school districts must advertise and accept for course credit.
- Require an individual career and academic plan (ICAP) and postsecondary plans for high school students.

March 7 in Jefferson City. The forum is an annual event for school board members to learn about legislation, connect with legislators and advocate for their local schools and the students they serve. [Registration is open.](#)

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- Require completion of the FAFSA prior to graduation, with some exceptions.

House Elementary and Secondary Committee

In executive session, the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee passed two bills:

[HB 1998 \(Davidson\)](#): Allows districts to issue teaching permits to persons with a bachelor's degree that goes through training. Allows the State Board to issue four-year substitute certificates to persons with 36 hours of college or completion of training. The bill was amended to include language requiring districts with more than 6,000 students to report annually to the State Board on how federal American Rescue Act (APR) funds are used and how student scores on the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) are impacted. This information will be posted on DESE's website. Passed 10 - 6.

[HB 2132 \(Haley\)](#): Prohibits state examinations from including questions that promote that one race or sex is inherently superior, racist, sexist or oppressive. Students are excused from taking national examinations with these concepts. Passed 10 - 6.

The committee heard public testimony on:

[HB 1484 \(Kelley\)](#): Prohibits schools from requiring students to attend race or sex diversity training and limits how these subjects are taught in the classroom.

[HB 1835 \(Wiemann\)](#): Directs the State Board to include in the state learning standards instruction in many "founding documents", significant pieces of legislation and notable historical figures. It also prohibits districts from requiring teachers to teach current events or controversial issues, or any school employee from attending certain trainings related to race or sex. Students cannot be given course credit for political advocacy.

[HB 2189 \(Coleman\)](#): Requires school boards to approve curriculum at least six months prior to implementation. Prohibits class materials to be based on factors such as social and emotional data or factors such as race, sex, religion or disability. Requires the district's curriculum, five years of performance data, and information on professional development posted on the district website. All professional development paid for with state funds must be open to the public to attend, and those materials posted on DESE's website. Creates an internet portal where all school district curriculum, source materials, and professional development are posted.

March Snapshot: Moving Bills List

Do you need a quick catch-up on education bills moving through the Missouri Legislature? Visit the [MSBA Action Center](#) for a snapshot.

Next Week: Committee Hearings and Bill Summaries

See the coming week's committee hearings in the House and Senate Education Committees also on the [MSBA Action Center](#).

Several education bills have yet to be considered by the entire House but may come to the floor at any time. This includes [HB 1747 \(Basye\) - School Board Member Recall](#) and [HB 2306 \(Christofanelli\) - Moving School Board Elections to November](#). It is critical to continue reaching out to [your legislators](#) and share YOUR experience as a nonpartisan, locally elected volunteer serving your communities' children.

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Good afternoon, Delegates!

The 2022 Spring Regional Meeting is quickly approaching. It is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at the Mountain Grove School. There will be pre-meeting for an update of current legislative issues at 6:00 pm. I have included the program schedule and a link to register for the Spring Regional Meeting. Mark your calendar and register today.

We look forward to seeing you and your boards there!

Ricky Vonallmen

**MSBA Region 15
Delegate Coordinator**

**Board President
Richards R-5 School**

<https://www.mosba.org/regional-meetings/>

MSBA Spring Regional Meeting Region 15 Program Schedule

5:45 pm Registration
6:00 pm Pre-Meeting Program – Current Legislative Issues
6:30 pm Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance
Introductory Remarks

Recognition of Student Winner of

John T. Belcher Award

MSBA Officer Remarks

BOD/REC Election

6:50 pm Dinner

7:20 pm Program - Sharing District Practices

Houston R-I – *CTE Program Implementation: The good, the bad and the ugly!*

Mountain Grove R-III – *Real Ways School Leaders can Build Teacher Morale and Reduce Stress*

West Plains R-VII – *PLTW Biomedical Program*

8:25 pm Meeting Evaluation / Attendance Award

8:30 pm Adjournment

Region 15 Spring Meeting Script

ghan@mosba.org Ghan, Brent

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 2:19:40 PM Central Daylight Time

To: smantel@liberty.mvbt.k12.mo.us Mantel, Shelly

Cc: francis@mosba.org Francis, Kelly, lee@mosba.org Lee, Gerry

Shelly,

I inadvertently sent you the wrong script for the Region 15 Spring Regional Meeting. The correct script is attached. Disregard the previous version and please use this one. Thanks!

Brent Ghan

Deputy Executive Director

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Region 15 Spring Regional Meeting Script

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Since Allen will no longer be on his board and we will have a temporary vacancy in the REC Chair position, we were hoping you would be willing to preside. Thank you for doing that.

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MSBA@embrams-mail.com Colleen Mahon

To: mahon@mosba.org

To: smantel@liberty.mvbt.k12.mo.us

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Sincerely,

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smantel@liberty.mvbt.k12.mo.us Mantel, Shelly
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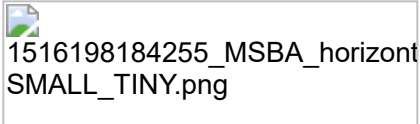
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Senate Bill 657

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Good afternoon, Delegates!

Please take action and have all your board members contact their Senators ASAP regarding SB 657.

Have a great evening!

Ricky Vonallmen

**MSBA Region 15
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CRITICAL ISSUE ALERT: School Board Member Recall in the Missouri Senate

[Senate Bill 657](#), a school board member recall bill, could come before the Senate next week. SB 657 is sponsored by Senator Mike Cierpiot (R-Lee's Summit) and is on the Senate perfection calendar.

This legislation requires a petition signed by 25% of the number of voters in the last school board election. A rather broad list of offenses may make a school board member eligible for a recall. [View a one-page brief](#) on SB 657 and HB 1747 (the House version of school board recall) to learn more. A few important points to share with your Senator:

- School board members are often unable to defend votes on personnel or student issues due to federal and state privacy laws regarding employment and student records.
- This bill could discourage local parents, grandparents, and taxpayers to run for school board and give undue influence to outside groups attempting to cause chaos and havoc in our local public schools.
- If passed, this law would only apply to volunteer school board members. State legislators and statewide elected officials **are not** able to be recalled.

March 25, 2022

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Important Dates

Now is the time to reach out to your State Senator and ask them to vote NO on SB 657. [Find the legislators who represent your entire school district here.](#)

House Activity Report

The Missouri House continued its usual pace of bills this week. Two education bills were perfected on the floor. The first was Rep. Ben Baker's [HB 1856](#) - Extended Learning Opportunity Act. This bill would allow students to take for-credit courses offered after school through vendors if the courses are approved by the State Board or a local district.

The second was Rep. Travis Fitzwater's [HB 2202](#) - Computer Science Courses. This bill would require high schools to offer at least one computer science course, which Missouri colleges may count as a computer science or practical arts credit for admissions purposes. School districts would be required to collect certain course information data and demographic data of students who enroll in these computer science courses and submit that information annually to DESE.

House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee

The House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee heard public testimony on four bills, and voted seven bills out of committee at its weekly hearing on Tuesday. See a description of those bills on the [MSBA Action Center](#) here.



Pictured: Gasconade R-II School Board President Glenn Ely advocates for his school district testifying before the House Education Committee on Tuesday morning.

Senate Activity Report

May 6 - Last day to pass FY23 Budget

May 13 - Last day of session

June 11 - Summer Delegate Assembly

November 4 - Fall Delegate Assembly



Keep track of upcoming committee meetings, descriptions of bills, legislator contact information, and other advocacy resources like MSBA's Advocacy Positions at the [MSBA Action Center](#).



Legislative Update at Spring Regional Meetings

Be sure to attend your MSBA Spring Regional Meeting. A brief legislative update will be presented at the beginning of each meeting. [Registration is open here.](#)

After what appeared to be a return to usual (pre-2022) Senate function in the early part of the week, the Senate instead reverted to what we had seen for the first half of session: a continued feud between the majority Republicans and the Conservative Caucus.

Wednesday afternoon, the Senate took up Sen. Lincoln Hough's (R-Greene County) bill that would allow the state to engage in design build contracts. Members of the Conservative Caucus soon seized control of the bill and the floor by adding an amendment that would prevent any state entity from entering into a contract with any employer that has or would enforce a COVID-19 vaccine mandate. This debate lasted until midnight, when the Senate announced it would stand at ease – a parliamentary procedure that keeps the Senate in session, often while a deal is negotiated behind the scenes. We would soon learn that the deal that was being attempted was on the Congressional redistricting maps. The senate returned around 6:30 in the morning, Sen. Hough laid his bill over, allowing the Senate a path forward to bring the Congressional maps up for debate.

After debate throughout the morning and afternoon, a map presented by Sen. Andrew Koenig (R-Manchester) was voted on and passed 22 - 10. A minimum of 18 votes is needed to pass a bill in the Senate. This map is different from the House version passed in [HB 2117](#) earlier this year, and so now the House must reconsider the Senate version. Candidate filing for the congressional districts ends March 29. See the unofficial candidate filing list at the [Missouri Secretary of State's website here](#).

Senate Education Committee

The Senate Education Committee held a public hearing on four bills – three K-12 bills, and one higher education bill – on Tuesday afternoon. An executive session was scheduled for Thursday morning but was canceled due to the ongoing debate on the Senate floor. See a description of the bills for public hearing on the [MSBA Action Center here](#).

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- April Board Report
- Leadership Development Updates
- MSBA's Center for Education Safety Provides Tips to Prevent Cyberattacks

Nominating Committee Recommends State Officer Candidates

The MSBA Nominating Committee is recommending to the MSBA general membership the following slate for 2022-2023 statewide MSBA offices:

- **President-Elect:** Ruth Johnson, Raymore-Peculiar R-II
- **Vice President:** Patty Quessenberry, Ozark School District

April 5, 2022

Don't forget to vote today!

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Current President-Elect Ray Murphy of the Richards R-V School District will become MSBA President for the 2022-2023 year under MSBA Bylaws.

[School Board Candidate Superintendent Search Refresher Training](#)



Spring Regional Meetings are Underway!

Spring Regional Meetings are held in each of the 17 regions to provide MSBA members with an opportunity to network, share ideas with peers, and learn about current issues. [Registration](#)

The MSBA Delegate Assembly will elect the MSBA officers for the next year at its meeting on [June 11 in St. Charles](#).

[View video interviews with the nominees here.](#)

April Board Report

The April Board Report is now available for viewing and downloading. This month's program features a look at teacher recruitment and retention efforts in Missouri and a story on the recent MSBA Legislative Forum. Make the MSBA Board Report a regular part of your board meetings.



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Leadership Development Updates

Required Training for Newly-Elected Board Members

Today, April 5th, is Election Day for local school boards. Many of those elected will be first-time members. Missouri law requires all school board members receive 18.5 hours of training within their first 12 months of service. MSBA's CBM Essential Board Member Training fulfills this requirement and provides the foundation for becoming an effective board member. Registration opens on April 6. Details about the sessions and [how to register are available here](#). Please encourage your new board members to register as soon as possible!

Certification Deadline Approaching

All current board members are reminded that Monday, May 2, is the deadline to submit applications for Advanced, Master and Distinguished Certification to receive recognition at the 2022 Igniting Great Ideas Summit on June 11-12. [Click here](#) for the certification forms and resources.

Spring Regional Meeting Required for Governance Team Award

Don't forget that one of the criteria for the Governance Team Award is at least three board members and the superintendent or other district administrator attend the Spring Regional Meeting. [Click here](#) to review the Award criteria, and [register now](#) for a Spring Regional Meeting, if your region has not yet held its meeting.

MSBA's Center for Education Safety Provides Tips to Prevent Cyberattacks

The risk of a cyberattack on global infrastructure is increasing due to Russia's ongoing invasion of Ukraine. Retaliation is expected as more support is provided to Ukraine and aid given to suffering victims of the ongoing war. Cyberattacks in our current environment can be expected to focus on disrupting infrastructure and are likely to include institutions such as local school districts.

Critical procedures are recommended to decrease the risk of network intrusion and school districts are strongly encouraged to take the following steps:

- Require use of multi-factor authentication (MFA) on network systems. MFA will reinforce systems against hacking.
- Implement and require use of a virtual private network (VPN) when using devices off-site and/or at a remote location. VPN

provides a layer of protection between device and unprotected networks.

- Deploy modern and updated security tools on computers and devices.
- Contact cybersecurity professionals and evaluate systems to ensure patches and other security measures are in place.
- Encourage staff to shut down and/or restart computers and devices at the end of each work-day. This allows security updates to be implemented.
- Change passwords across networks. This helps protect networks in the event current credentials are stolen.
- Back up data and ensure there are offline backups. Test backups.
- Encrypt data.
- Run exercises and drills on your emergency operations plan.
- Educate teachers, staff, students and families on common scam tactics used by malicious actors.
- Encourage school community members to report suspicious activity (emails, posts, phone calls, etc.) and unusual system behavior (slow operations, unusual device “freezing,” etc.). This allows a prompt response to mitigate impact of potential intrusion.
- Engage with local law enforcement, FBI field offices and other cyber partners to establish relationships in advance of a cyber incident.
- Encourage IT and security leadership to review the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA.gov) and FBI (FBI.gov) websites.

MSBA's Center for Education Safety encourages all school districts to review emergency operations plans and be prepared for potential cyberattacks. Disruption of networks or power grids could cripple processes and present a challenging situation for our communities, and it could take many days to return to full operational status, thus school districts must be prepared to be self-sustaining for a significant period of time.

Please contact MSBA's Center for Education Safety if you have questions or need information by sending an email to CES@mosba.org or by calling the director, Amy Roderick, at (573) 638-7501 ext. 420.

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MSBA Spring Regional Meetings will kick off next week in four of MSBA's 17 regions.

The regions, meeting locations and dates of the meetings are:

- *Region 7 (Riverview Gardens), Monday, March 28
- *Region 9 (Seneca R-VII), Tuesday, March 29
- *Region 12 (Sullivan), Tuesday, March 29
- *Region 13 (Ste. Genevieve R-II), Wednesday, March 30

The agenda for each meeting will be the same, except the main program will feature presentations about successful programs or projects at school districts from within the region. The meeting schedule is below.

Program Schedule

5:45 pm	Registration
6:00 pm	Pre-Meeting Program – Current Legislative Issues
6:30 pm	Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance Introductory Remarks Recognition of Student Winner of John T. Belcher Award MSBA Officer Remarks BOD/REC Election
6:50 pm	Dinner
7:20 pm	Program - Sharing District Practices
8:25 pm	Meeting Evaluation / Attendance Award
8:30 pm	Adjournment

Spring Meetings for the remaining 13 regions will be held in April. Attendance at the meeting satisfies board member certification and

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Governance Team Award criteria.

If six or more board members or administrators from one district attend a meeting, the district has a chance to win \$250.

Registration is \$45 per person and includes dinner.

[Register Now](#) or call 800-221-6722

CES Sponsoring Free Cybersecurity Webinar for Board Members on April 18

Local school board members have asked MSBA to provide more information about cybersecurity-related issues in their districts. In response, MSBA's Center for Education Safety (CES) is sponsoring a free webinar that is specifically geared for local school board members.

The one-hour webinar, which will be at noon on Monday, April 18, will include a facilitated discussion on questions board members can ask their respective district administrators when inquiring as to the status of district cybersecurity. The featured speaker on the webinar will be Scott Anderson, executive director of the Forge Institute, which is an organization that designs and enables innovative private-public collaborations to support economic and national security initiatives. Bob Klausmeyer, the education safety coordinator for CES, will be the host of the webinar.

Superintendents are also welcome to register and participate so that they can get a better understanding of what cybersecurity-related questions they may receive in the future from board members.

There is no cost to participate in the webinar, but registration is required.

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Participating board members can receive one-half hour of CBM credit.

MSBA Can Help with Election-Related Issues Before and After April 5

The April 5 election is two weeks away, and MSBA is here to help!

If a Board candidate needs guidance on the reports that candidates need to file or campaign laws, MSBA has helpful online resources on

the MSBA website. Most questions can be answered in the "School Board Candidates" section on [MSBA's board candidate page](#).

MSBA gives board secretaries access to election and post-election guidance, including board reorganization, on their [board secretaries page](#).

If you have a legal question, our staff attorneys can be contacted at 1-800-221-6722.

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More Than Half of Spring Regional Meetings Still on Tap



Ten of the 17 MSBA Spring Regional Meetings will be held either today (April 12) or sometime later this month. If your Spring Regional Meeting has not yet been held, please plan on attending.

Here is a schedule of the remaining meetings and their locations. Each meeting's details, such as the agenda, starting times and cost, [can be found here](#).

- **Region 1** – April 28, Stewartville High School
- **Region 2** – April 13, Trenton High School
- **Region 3** – April 18, Kirksville Primary School
- **Region 5** – April 28, Holden High School
- **Region 6** – April 19, Southern Boone Co. R-I Central Office
- **Region 8** – April 19, School of the Osage Heritage Building
- **Region 11** – April 12, Poplar Bluff Middle School
- **Region 15** – April 13, Mountain Grove High School
- **Region 16** – April 12, Osceola High School
- **Region 17** – April 20, Wright City Middle School

Helpful Springtime Reminders for New and Experienced Board Members & Staff

This is a busy time for local school boards. Boards must "reorganize" after the recent election, new members may be joining your board, and spring is usually the time for renewing or offering contracts to school district personnel. Below are some reminders and answers to frequently asked questions about this busy time of year.

Board Reorganization - Missouri law requires seven-director districts to meet within 14 days of the annual election to swear in Board members. Districts classified as "urban" must meet within 10 days of the election. If meeting this timetable is impossible for a district, the reorganization meeting should be held as soon as possible. [Board Reorganization FAQs are available here](#). Besides electing board officers, the board should also select its MSBA Delegate. The delegate will represent your local board at the two Delegate Assemblies held in June and November. Thank you to all of you that have already provided your new board member information! If you haven't had a chance to update your board member roster, please make changes directly into the database via secure online access by logging in at www.mosba.org or email changes to Eileen at registration@mosba.org.

Hiring District Employees – Decisions on whether to renew current contracts and hiring new employees usually takes place this time of year. One important reminder is that Missouri law forbids board members from voting to hire a relative for a district job. The penalty for doing so is that a board member must forfeit their office! MSBA has created a "nepotism tree" that shows which relatives a board member cannot vote to hire. [It can be accessed here](#).

New Member Orientation – New board members are required by state law to receive 18.5 hours of training within the first 12 months of office. [Details about this important requirement are here](#).

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Missouri Local Government Week to be Held May 1 - 7

Missouri Local Government Week – a time to celebrate the important work of the levels of government that are closest to Missouri citizens – is just a few weeks away.

This year's Local Government Week will be held May 1 – 7. Besides the Missouri School Boards' Association, other groups involved include the Missouri Association of Counties and the Missouri Municipal League.

Local school districts or school boards can note the week with special events or by promoting it on their websites or social media. MSBA's special hashtag (#MSBA2022) can be used on any social media message to make sure more people interested in Local Government Week can see the message.

More details on [Missouri Local Government Week](#) will follow in future editions of The Weekly.

Free Mental Health Training Available to Local School Districts

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education recently announced a new partnership with Mental Health First Aid Missouri, which is jointly operated by the Missouri Department of Mental Health and the Missouri Institute of Mental Health.

The partnership will offer no-cost Mental Health First Aid training for local school districts. These skills-based programs give adults the tools they need to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges in adults (the standard Mental Health First Aid training), as well as in adolescents ages 12-18 (the Youth Mental Health First Aid).

The training sessions can be delivered onsite, virtually, or in a hybrid format, and they take about one day to complete. The trainings are appropriate for a broad range of adults, including educators, school leaders, support staff, volunteers, and other school stakeholders.

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Spring Regional Meetings are held in each of the 17 regions to provide MSBA members with an opportunity to network, share ideas with peers, and learn about current issues.

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Local school districts may visit MHFAMissouri.org and select "Register Now" to request training sessions.

For questions about MHFA and the trainings available, contact Rachel Taube or Amy Bartels at info@mhfamissouri.org.

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2022 MSBA Legislative Forum

Thanks to the approximately 250 MSBA members who attended the 2022 Legislative Forum and Public School Celebration on Monday, March 7 in Jefferson City. Those who participated were updated on key issues facing our state, and school board members from across the state demonstrated that support for public education is strong in Missouri!



Forum attendees heard an update on state issues from the commissioner of education, were inspired by a panel of women senators, were educated about a variety of important topics in breakout sessions, and were given an opportunity to personally lobby their local state representatives and senators. The two highlights of the afternoon in the State Capitol were Gov. Mike Parson's speech to MSBA members and visiting with Missouri's best and brightest students at the Student Showcase.

More in-depth coverage of the Forum and Public School Celebration will be included in Friday's edition of the Legislative Voice.

March Board Report

The March Board Report is now available for viewing and downloading. This month's program features a report on the importance of advocacy on the state level and a story on the National Superintendent of the Year from Missouri. Make the MSBA Board Report a regular part of your school board meeting.



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The webinar will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on March 17.

[Register Now](#)

Russian Invasion of Ukraine Prompts Cybersecurity Alert for Local Schools

MSBA's Center for Education Safety is passing along information to local school districts that encourages them to be on the alert for possible cybersecurity threats prompted by the tensions of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), which is part of the Department of Homeland Security, has added valuable information to its "Shields Up" webpage.



CISA has prioritized analysis of vulnerabilities that have been used by Russian cyberthreat actors. As a result of this analysis, the agency has added 95 additional vulnerabilities to its [known previously exploited vulnerabilities catalog](#). All users are highly encouraged to ensure their software is up-to-date, and to prioritize updates that address known exploited vulnerabilities identified by CISA. The agency also has provided specific technical guidance on the issue at [Shields Up Technical Guidance | CISA](#).

The agency encourages any suspicious activity or specific cybersecurity incidents be reported to your local FBI field office or the FBI's 24/7 "CyWatch" at (855) 292-3937 or CyWatch@fbi.gov.

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Local Schools Can Participate in Missouri Postsecondary Advising Initiative

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is partnering with a national alliance to provide more counseling and postsecondary opportunities for students.

DESE's Missouri Postsecondary Advising Initiative is designed to ensure all high school students, particularly those in rural communities, have an advisor exclusively focused on helping them achieve success following graduation. This new initiative is designed to increase available resources for and ease the workload of high school counselors. College and career advisors will be placed in rural schools and work alongside counselors and district leadership to grow the number of students who enroll in postsecondary education and training options. The program, supported by federal COVID relief funding, will award up to 135 grants to eligible schools over three years.

The deadline for submitting a [grant application](#) is Friday, March 18.

For information regarding program details, contact Chrissy.Bashore@dese.mo.gov

For information regarding funding, contact Chris.Neale@dese.mo.gov

Missouri's program is designed and supported by rootEd, a collaborative philanthropic effort that connects high school students in rural America with college and career opportunities. The alliance has worked in Missouri high schools for three years, serving more than 2,200 students. In partner schools, postsecondary enrollment increased by up to 10 percent, even as enrollment fell during the pandemic. Additionally, 80 percent of students in partner schools completed postsecondary applications, and 78 percent of students received at least one acceptance.

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Highlights of the forum include:

- Hear from Governor Mike Parson, Commissioner of Education Margie Vandeven and Missouri legislators
- Breakout sessions for in-depth looks at the issues critical to your school districts
- A Public School Celebration in the State Capitol
- A Student Showcase that features Missouri's exemplary students and the innovative public school programs in which they are involved
- Visits with your local legislators

Register Now

MSBA's Superintendent Search Program Helps Districts Find Great Leaders

One of the most important decisions made by local school board members is when they hire a superintendent. Not only is the superintendent the chief administrative officer, but the leadership provided by the superintendent sets the priorities for the district and helps the board make decisions that are crucial for the district's future.

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The expertise and contacts that our experienced and professional staff have developed over many years of service are invaluable during that process.

Some of the other benefits the process provides are:

- Advertising of open superintendent positions on the MSBA website and other weekly communications.
- Successful results regardless of district size, ranging from districts that have fewer than 300 students to those that have more than 20,000 students.
- In the past five years, 85 percent of superintendent placements are still serving in their selected positions.
- Teambuilding activities for the new leadership team.
- Following placement of the superintendent, the local school board may partake in a free MSBA workshop "Effective Practices for Positive Board and Superintendent Relations."

Since its inception in 1984, MSBA has assisted local boards in employing approximately 600 leaders who meet district-specific needs and who positively impact the education of all students.

If your district is in need of a new superintendent, the Superintendent Search Program can be contacted at 573-445-9920, ext. 308, or by emailing suptsearch@mosba.org.



DESE Virtual Speaker Series Focuses on Social-Emotional Needs of Students

After hearing from several educators, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has launched a new

virtual speaker series on how to better support the social-emotional needs of Missouri students.

The virtual speaker series is titled **Relationships, Behaviors, and Social-Emotional Learning: Best Practices to Support Successful Students and Effective Educators**. The series will feature expert presenters that will share valuable, practical advice, and end each session by taking questions from attendees.

The first event in the series is on **Wednesday, March 9 from 4:00 - 4:30 pm** and can be [viewed via livestream](#). The program will feature [Chelonnda Seroyer](#), an educator and acclaimed presenter.

Participants and viewers will walk away from this session able to:

- Identify the characteristics of an effective teacher
- Understand how increasing a student's sense of belonging can positively affect the classroom environment
- Learn how to create an invitational classroom

[Share this learning opportunity with your local school district's faculty and staff.](#)

Questions about the virtual speaker series can be sent to Chrissy Bashore at DESE at Chrissy.Bashore@dese.mo.gov.

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Since Allen will no longer be on his board and we will have a temporary vacancy in the REC Chair position, we were hoping you would be willing to preside. Thank you for doing that.

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Sending mine back with Gerry Lee.

On Tue, Mar 1, 2022, 1:13 PM Colleen Mahon <MSBA@embrams-mail.com> wrote:

Good Afternoon MSBA BOD! ,

President Nancy Masterson extends a thank you to the Board of Directors who have already returned their Executive Director Evaluations to her.

If you have not mailed your evaluation as yet, but would like to be included in the results, please bring your completed form sealed in the provided envelope to the Legislative Forum next Monday, March 7, in Jefferson City.

President Masterson will be presiding over the Forum and is happy to collect your evaluation at that time.

Best Regards,

Colleen

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Shelly,

I inadvertently sent you the wrong script for the Region 15 Spring Regional Meeting. The correct script is attached. Disregard the previous version and please use this one. Thanks!

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Shelly

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Ghan, Brent

- to Mantel, Shelly

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Since Allen will no longer be on his board and we will have a temporary vacancy in the REC Chair position, we were hoping you would be willing to preside. Thank you for doing that.

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From: [Mantel, Shelly](#)

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To: [Ghan, Brent](#)

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Shelly

Ghan, Brent

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Sunday, March 27, 2022, 11:35 AM (23 days ago)

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Shelly,

Yes. Please do.

Brent

Sent from my iPhone

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Colleen Mahon

- to smantel



Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 1:13 PM (49 days ago)

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Best Regards,

Colleen

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Mantel, Shelly

- to Mahon, Colleen

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Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 7:09 PM (49 days ago)

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Mahon, Colleen

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Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 9:27 AM (48 days ago)

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got it.

Colleen Mahon

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From: Mantel, Shelly <smantel@liberty.mvbt.k12.mo.us>

Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 7:09 PM

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Missouri School Boards' Association

**2022 SPRING MEETING
SCRIPT**

For Shelly Mantel

Regional Executive Committee Chair

(REC Chair)

**Good evening and welcome to the Region
15 MSBA Spring Meeting. I am Shelly Mantel,
your Board of Directors Representative and a
member of the Mountain View – Birch Tree
School Board. To begin our meeting, please
stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.
(Lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.)**

Thank you.

**We thank the Mountain Grove School
District for hosting our meeting tonight.
At this time, I would like to ask _____ from
Mountain Grove to bring us greetings. (*Host***

district representative will come forward for brief remarks.)

We have a great group of board members who serve on our Regional Executive Committee. I would like to recognize them this evening.

(Please introduce any Regional Executive Committee members in attendance by name, school district and position on the REC.)

I also want to take a moment to recognize someone else who has served his school board and MSBA for the past 30 years. Allen Dickinson of Hartville has been an outstanding leader for Region 15.

Allen decided not to run for re-election to his local board this year, but he is here with us this evening and we want to recognize and thank Allen Dickinson for his tremendous service to his school district, our region, and to the students in his district and throughout the state of Missouri. Please join me in thanking Allen Dickinson....

(Allen remarks if he wishes)

Thank you for your service. If you are interested in serving on our Regional Executive Committee in some capacity in the future, please see me or contact the MSBA office.

(Mention any vacancies on your REC at this time)

At each of our meetings we always know there will be MSBA staff to keep the evening running smoothly.

Would the staff members from MSBA present this evening please stand and introduce themselves?

(Staff introduces themselves)

Our thanks to you for being with us tonight.

We are pleased this evening to have as our special guest Hallee Donley a student from the Gainsville School District, the 2022 John T. Belcher Memorial Scholarship recipient from our region. Our regional winner was selected from the nominees submitted to the Regional Executive Committee by school boards in this region.

Hallee will be presented a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 from MSBA.

Hallee will also proceed to represent our MSBA Region as the statewide John T. Belcher Memorial Scholarship candidate and will be eligible for an additional \$1,500 scholarship from MSBA.

At this time, I would invite Hallee to come forward and be recognized....

(Student comes forward and makes remarks)

The Missouri School Boards' Association is led by four statewide officers—our President, Vice President, President Elect, and Immediate Past President along with members of our executive committee.

We are pleased to have with us tonight a member of the MSBA Executive Committee and Board of Directors Jonathan Russell from Neosho.

Janathan will now bring us some remarks and will conduct the election for our region.
(Officer/Executive Committee Member Remarks and election of new position.)

We will continue with our agenda and the remainder of tonight's program in about thirty minutes. Please enjoy your dinner.
(At this time, give directions for dinner or turn it over to host superintendent for directions.)

D I N N E R

*(Proceed with the agenda thirty minutes after
dinner begins.)*

(REC Chair)

It's now time for our program this evening. We are pleased to have with us representatives from three school districts in our region who will be presenting some outstanding district practices for us. Mountain Grove will be presenting on Real Ways School Leaders Can Build Teacher Morale, Houston will be presenting on CTW Implementation; The Good, the Bad and the Ugly, and West Plains will be presenting on the district's Project Lead the Way Biomedical Program. Please join me in welcoming them to our regional meeting....

(Program)

Thank you so much for those excellent presentations.

At this time, please take a moment to complete the half-sheet evaluation survey at your table.

Your feedback is important in helping us plan future regional meetings.

While you complete the evaluation, please note some upcoming MSBA events.

MSBA's Igniting Great Ideas Summit is set for June 11-12 in St. Charles. We hope you will join us for great leadership sessions and opportunities to connect with your colleagues. More information on the Igniting Great Ideas Summit is posted on the MSBA website.

Also, watch for mailings and registration information on the MSBA Annual Conference set this year for November 3-6 in Kansas City. You'll be hearing more about the Annual Conference in the weeks ahead.

Once again this year at the Annual Conference your students will have the opportunity to show off innovative learning opportunities at their schools during the Student Showcase.

If you have a program in your district you would like to feature at the Student Showcase, please contact the MSBA office.

At each MSBA Spring Meeting, there is one \$250 attendance award recipient selected from among qualifying MSBA member boards of education.

Within the month following the spring regional meetings, MSBA will send a \$250 check to the district receiving the award.

To qualify for the \$250 award, six persons from a district—in any combination of board members or administrators—must be present at the Spring Meeting.

If more than one school district is eligible for the attendance award, a drawing is held to determine the recipient.

At this time I would like to ask Jonathan Russell to announce the recipient of the attendance scholarship (*At this time, the attendance award recipient should be announced—or a recipient should be “drawn” from among those districts represented at the meeting that are eligible for the award. Have someone such as the state officer/executive committee member do the drawing and announce the winner.*)

(If you had a contested election, have the MSBA officer/executive committee member announce the election results.)

(REC Chair)

Thanks again to our hosts for this evening—the dinner, as well as your hospitality, were wonderful.

Thanks to all of you for being involved in your association, MSBA. Working together, we make a positive difference for the 900,000 children we serve. Drive safely to your home.

Good night.