

Missouri NEA Missouri State Board of Education Report
Notes from June 15, 2021, meeting of the Missouri State Board of Education
Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Board approves one year delay in opening The Leadership School

The charter school set to open within the boundaries of the Normandy School Collaborative this fall requested to amend their charter to delay the opening to the 2022-2023 school year. The state board approved the amendment to the charter granted by the Missouri Charter Public School Commission, which is now effective for five years beginning in the 2022-23 school year.

Board hears Normandy School Collaborative Quarterly Report

Leaders of the Normandy Schools Collaborative and Joint Executive Governing Board reported progress toward full accreditation. Normandy added new staff dedicated to monitor attendance issues and help students overcome attendance challenges. The district adopted Expeditionary Learning for grades K-8, and Navigator Math. Teachers now have three weeks of summer planning time and a half-day of professional development each week.

District voters approved a nearly \$29 million bond issue and renovations to Normandy High School are underway. The district is working towards adopting an Early College Model for the high school. The district has dual enrollment courses with both St. Louis Community College and Harris-Stowe State University. Career and Technical Education now offers increased technology through a partnership with WozEd.

DESE's priorities for supporting districts with ARP/ESSER funding

The Board received a report on the state's plan to implement the funding from the American Rescue Plan. The third iteration of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds will total \$1.96 billion dollars for Missouri. DESE priorities, pending inclusion in the state budget, include:

- Expansion of resources for social, emotional, and mental health of students and educators.
- Investment in recruitment and retention of teachers. Missouri will see an 11.4% increase in teacher retirements this year. Grants will be available to educator programs and school districts to recruit teacher candidates. Grow Your Own programs can receive a grant of up to \$10,000, that can include supporting Educators Rising chapters.
- A redesign of the state assessment system (to align w/priority standards and competency-based learning).
- Expansion of the Missouri Leadership Development system to train and support all principals.
- Increase the reading and math instructional specialists at the Regional Professional Development Centers.
- Provide additional instructional materials, supplies, and resources and the associated educator training for their implementation.
- Upgrade the DESE longitudinal data system.
- Investment in broadband availability and affordability.

Board hears annual report of Career and Technical Education Advisory Council

The council works to improve the image of CTE with the new slogan, “Show Me Learning That Works.” Priorities for the council are:

- Developing comprehensive professional development and resources for CTE teachers.
- Increasing the percent of CTE students who earn the Missouri CTE Certificate.
- Developing and implementing a process that improves student scores on Technical Skills Assessments and Industry Recognized Credentials.

Missouri receives \$21 million in federal funds to support CTE and the state provides \$50 million. Student participation was negatively impacted during 2020-21 as some CTE areas were unable to conduct hands-on experiences and many CTE strands were not conducive to online/virtual instruction. The CTE report can be found [here](#).

Board takes action on multiple rules

At this meeting, the board:

- Approved proposing a rule to allow posting for public comments. After public comments, the board can amend or approve the proposed rule.
- Approved adding four courses to passing a test for a certified teacher to add a Library Media Specialist K-12 certificate.
- Proposed updated legal requirements for public school compliance with several Internet Protection Acts.
- Proposed updates to the process and fees for public access to department records.
- Transferred rules from a variety of Department divisions to the new Office of Childhood.
- Heard report on the required 5-year review of departmental rules. Five rules have been or need to be rescinded and 42 are being considered for amendment.

In other business, the State Board:

- Received a report on the progress of the staffing and logistic development of the new Office of Childhood.
- Appointed/Reappointed six members to the Missouri Advisory Council of Certification for Educators, including MNEA Retired member Janice Speck as ex-officio representative of Missouri School Counselor Association.
- Approved the Missouri Charter Public School Commission as a sponsor in good standing for the next three years. The Commission is one of nine charter school sponsors in Missouri and oversees twelve charter schools in Kansas City, St. Louis, and Normandy.

The next meeting of the Missouri State Board of Education is on August 17, 2021. Missouri NEA will be in attendance. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Rebeka McIntosh or Ann Jarrett at 800-392-0236. Details of state board agenda items can be found at [here](#).

Respectfully submitted,
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