

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 27

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES HUBBARD (Sponsor), MONTECILLO, LAMPE, NASHEED, BROWN (50), CURTMAN, ATKINS, SPRENG, PACE, COLONA, ELLINGER, OXFORD, SMITH (71), MAY, WALTON GRAY, CARTER AND HUGHES (Co-sponsors).

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2       **WHEREAS**, the achievements of good students and good teachers in the St. Louis  
3 Public Schools are sometimes overlooked in the shadows cast by the district's unaccredited  
4 status; and

5       **WHEREAS**, many examples of academic achievement, thoughtful and caring  
6 instruction, and good leadership can be found, such as:

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8       (1) Offering a wide variety of approaches to learning, the range of schools in the district  
9 include early childhood centers to schools that focus on math and science, alternative schools,  
10 e-Mints centers, and prestigious International Baccalaureate programs;

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12       (2) St. Louis Public Schools include Gold Star and Blue Ribbon schools, federal awards  
13 based on achievement and improvements;

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15       (3) The district has moved steadily forward in accumulating points needed to regain  
16 accreditation;

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18       (4) The rate of improvement in the district schools, measured by the Missouri  
19 Assessment Program, far outstrips the state's average rate of improvement;

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21       (5) The number and percentage of schools making adequate yearly progress on all  
22 indicators has steadily increased over the last three years;

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24       (6) All of the district's high schools are individually accredited by the North Central  
25 Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement;

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27       (7) The 1,873 high school graduates of the Class of 2011 have been accepted at 245  
28 colleges and universities, and have received \$23.3 million in scholarships;

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30       (8) The district's voters showed their confidence in the schools by approving a \$155  
31 million bond package for facility renovation;

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33       (9) A focus on early learning has added 37 prekindergarten classrooms, and  
34 prekindergarten now enrolls more than 2,200 students compared to a total of 22,688 in K-12;

35 (10) A teacher corps of just under 2,000 has accomplished this, despite a 10% rate of  
36 homelessness among their students and 9% of their students having English as a second  
37 language; and

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39 **WHEREAS**, it has taken courageous leadership from the superintendent, the special  
40 administrative board, school principals, and other civic leaders to begin to overcome decades of  
41 inertia, and the progress of the past three years provides an occasion to be hopeful of more:

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43 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
44 Representatives of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate  
45 concurring therein, hereby congratulates the students and teachers of the St. Louis Public Schools  
46 for the progress the school district has made in its journey towards re-accreditation, and  
47 encourage the thousands of parents and taxpayers who support the district with time, money, and  
48 good wishes to continue their support even as they continue to hold high expectations for more  
49 progress to come; and

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51 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
52 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the  
53 Superintendent of Schools for the St. Louis Public School District.

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