



PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING

The HSD Legislative Advocacy Committee created the following regarding public school funding:

- We believe the State of Missouri should utilize a school funding formula that provides adequate and equitable funding to educate all public school children.
- We support a compromise in the current funding formula that:
 - delays full phase-in of the formula, or
 - removes the possibility of decreasing the state adequacy target.
- We support appropriations for public schools sufficient to fully fund the formula.
- We support legislation seeking to generate additional revenue to support the education of all public school children (i.e. cigarette taxes, Internet sales).
- We support legislation mandating accurate property assessments statewide.
- We strongly oppose any attempt to divert revenue committed to or intended for public education.
- We support legislation that would give school districts more representation on committees considering all property tax abatements.
- We oppose any legislation that would create additional financial burdens on school districts without any new funding to offset the related cost.