LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
Columbia Board of Education
2019-2020

SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

We support:

- Local authority for decision making regarding school calendar, open enrollment, curricular decisions, class size, and charter schools
- Local school board elections taking place in April, a non-partisan election date

FINANCE AND FUNDING

We support:

- Full funding of the foundation formula; maintain integrity of current foundation formula; non-negotiable and with no further downward changes to adequacy targets
- Work to address the impending teacher shortage by dedicating State funds for the recruitment and retention of high-quality teachers
- Funding summer school
- Full funding for school bus transportation, including funding for early childhood transportation and allow local school districts and their communities to cooperate on bus systems
- Full funding of mandates at federal (ESSA, IDEA, McKinney-Vento, Title I) and state levels (dyslexia screening)
- Legislation to enhance federal and state funding, such as cigarette tax, Internet use tax, fuel tax

We oppose:

- Diverting state funds from public schools by any means, including tuition tax credits/vouchers
- Redirecting resources from public schools to unproven charter schools until the charter reforms passed in 2012 are implemented and proven effective

SCHOOL, COMMUNITY, AND FAMILY RELATIONS

We support:

- Full funding for quality, voluntary early childhood education
- Funding for career and technical education and career development programs
- Continuation of the current independence, structure, and governance of the Missouri State High School Activities Association
1. For the 2019-20 school year CPS is anticipated to receive approximately $63 million in state foundation formula funding. If the state adequacy target was currently operating as prescribed in the foundation formula when written in 2006-2007, CPS would receive over $11 million in additional state funding.

2. CPS currently spends approximately $4.5 million to operate the summer school program.

3. For the 2019-20 school year, CPS’s transportation budget is estimated at $12.5 million while state funding for transportation is anticipated at $2 million.

4. For the 2019-20 school year, CPS’s early childhood education budget is estimated to exceed $3.6 million which includes local, federal, and state funded early childhood programs in the District.

5. For the 2019-20 school year, CPS’s career and technical education budgets are anticipated to exceed $4.9 million. Revenue received in state and federal vocation aid is estimated at $850,000 annually.