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Statement from Senator Jeff Smith on Decision to Appoint Transitional Board to Oversee St. Louis Public Schools

JEFFERSON CITY — Today, the Missouri State Board of Education voted 5-2 in favor of appointing a three-member transitional board to oversee St. Louis public schools for 30 days. The board may declare the St. Louis Public School District unaccredited at the end of the 30-day period, depending on the District's ability to meet certain criteria. Senator Jeff Smith, who represents St. Louis City, released this statement in response:

"I am concerned about the process proposed by the state board today and will work to ensure there are mechanisms to hold the transitional board accountable to the public. I am currently preparing a set of proposals to help influence the process and help our District succeed — at the governance level, the school level, and the classroom level.

"There is a lot of turmoil right now. But the interests of the children will be served best if we join together to offer constructive solutions. I want to be a positive force as we work to resolve this critical issue."

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