



Office of  
**Jason Crowell** State Senator  
 The Crowell Connection

*Senator Jason Crowell proudly represents the people of Bollinger,  
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## Working for You

The 2006 legislative session is at its half-way point, and so far we have acted on many important issues: protecting our children against sexual predators, reducing Medicaid fraud, adding funding to K-12 education and higher education — to name just a few. There is still much to accomplish, but I want to let you know where we currently stand.

### Education Funding – HB 1002 and 1003

Our children deserve to receive a world-class education, so we have prioritized fully funding the newly created school-funding formula. The House passed HB 1002, an appropriation bill that will give more money than ever to K-12 education. The proposed \$167-million increase will bring the elementary and secondary education budget to \$2.7 billion. Below is the funding increase that schools in the 27<sup>th</sup> senate district will receive.

School District	2006 Total State Funding	2007 \$ Increase	2007 % Increase	2007 Total State Funding
MEADOW HEIGHTS R-II	\$1,857,330	\$95,495	5.14%	\$1,952,825
LEOPOLD R-III	\$739,643	\$94,245	12.74%	\$833,888
ZALMA R-V	\$940,651	\$117,827	12.53%	\$1,058,478
WOODLAND R-IV	\$2,742,319	\$189,430	6.91%	\$2,931,749
JACKSON R-II	\$9,775,682	\$772,507	7.90%	\$10,548,189
DELTA R-V	\$1,214,249	\$128,958	10.62%	\$1,343,207
OAK RIDGE R-VI	\$1,047,365	\$83,721	7.99%	\$1,131,086
CAPE GIRARDEAU 63	\$5,240,766	\$418,188	7.98%	\$5,658,954
NELL HOLCOMB R-IV	\$795,759	\$68,085	8.56%	\$863,844
MARQUAND-ZION R-VI	\$663,546	\$110,738	16.69%	\$774,284
FREDERICKTOWN R-I	\$5,929,216	\$224,090	3.78%	\$6,153,306
EAST PRAIRIE R-II	\$3,389,592	\$224,738	6.63%	\$3,614,330
CHARLESTON R-I	\$3,819,109	\$262,936	6.88%	\$4,082,045
PERRY CO. 32	\$3,455,256	\$225,640	6.53%	\$3,680,896
ALTENBURG 48	\$228,180	\$31,526	13.82%	\$259,706
SCOTT CITY R-I	\$2,830,663	\$192,455	6.80%	\$3,023,118
CHAFFEE R-II	\$1,867,565	\$84,034	4.50%	\$1,951,599

SCOTT CO. R-IV	\$2,850,917	\$218,534	7.67%	\$3,069,451
SCOTT CO. CENTRAL	\$1,565,039	\$73,633	4.70%	\$1,638,672
SIKESTON R-VI	\$11,798,090	\$593,063	5.03%	\$12,391,153
KELSO C-7	\$288,490	\$50,489	17.5%	\$338,979
ORAN R-III	\$1,217,203	\$145,548	11.96%	\$1,362,751
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$64,256,630</b>	<b>\$4,405,880</b>	<b>8.77%</b>	<b>\$68,662,510</b>

After years of decreasing or stagnated funding, we are now moving to enhance our investment in higher education. In HB 1003, the House appropriated an additional \$17 million to our state's colleges and universities, with Southeast Missouri State University receiving an additional \$902,181 in state funding for a total of \$44.7 million in state funding.

#### **Fighting the War on Meth – HB 1008**

The House also passed HB 1008, which will provide funding to equip and support Missouri law enforcement and the courts in their efforts to combat methamphetamine production and use. More than \$3 million in new funding is planned to go toward Missouri drug courts, and another \$750,000 in grant money will help supply personnel and equipment to meth task forces throughout the Show-Me State. Additionally, \$420,000 will be put toward expanding and staffing state crime labs. Southeast Missouri State University Crime lab will receive an additional \$50,000 in state funding, for a total of \$127,000. This will help fortify our frontlines in the war on meth.

#### **Protecting Our Children – SB 588**

To strengthen the laws against those who prey on the innocent, the Senate recently sent to the House a comprehensive measure imposing stricter mandatory minimum sentences for sex offenders in Missouri and applying life sentences against certain repeat offenders. Among its many provisions, SB 588 also requires lifetime electronic supervision of certain sexual predators, establishes a toll-free hotline to report sexual abuse, and allows probation and parole officers to have access to registered sex offenders' personal computers to look for evidence of child pornography.

#### **Contact Me**

As always, I appreciate hearing your comments, opinions and concerns. Please feel free to contact me in Jefferson City at (573) 751-2459. You may write to me at Jason Crowell; Missouri Senate; State Capitol; Jefferson City, MO 65101, or email me at: [jcrowell@senate.mo.gov](mailto:jcrowell@senate.mo.gov) or visit me on the web at <http://www.jasoncrowell.com>.

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