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Statement from Senator Maida Coleman regarding the State Board of Education's decision to seek a transitional board for the St. Louis Public Schools:

"I am extremely disappointed with the action taken today by the State Board of Education. As evidenced by the overwhelming representation by St. Louis residents, we are very interested in maintaining our representative democracy to run our schools. The board's decision takes a big step toward silencing the public with respect to how their schools are administered. Furthermore, the decision also emboldens critics of our public schools who have a pro-voucher agenda. The vote by the State Board of Education did nothing to improve academics this year in the St. Louis Public Schools."