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Statement from Senator Maida Coleman regarding the appointment of Derio Gambaro to the State Board of Education:

I appreciate the Governor's decision to and appoint a resident of the City of St. Louis to the Missouri State Board of Education. The appointment of Derio Gambaro will provide metropolitan residents with a voice on the state board that has been too long neglected. With such critical issues facing the St. Louis Public School District and the State Board of Education, it is imperative that St. Louis City have this representation.

As many people know, I have worked diligently to try to preserve the locally-elected school board in St. Louis. In fact, I introduced legislation that would abolish the transition board authorized by the State Board of Education in the hopes of preserving the locally-elected board. I anticipate discussing these important issues with Mr. Gambaro in the near future.

Mr. Gambaro has a reputable history as a devoted public servant for the people of the city. Pending sponsorship and confirmation, I look forward to working with Mr. Gambaro on the issues facing St. Louis schools and our state's education system.

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