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## Sen. Frank Barnitz Meets with Education Leaders from 16<sup>th</sup> District

JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, was pleased to have two active residents of the 16<sup>th</sup> District recently visit him at the state Capitol. Valerie Moats and Anna Marie Kulback of the Missouri State Teachers Association (MSTA) met with Sen. Barnitz on Wednesday, Jan. 31.

"I am proud to say these two leaders of the education community are from right here in the 16<sup>th</sup> District," Barnitz said. "I enjoyed meeting with them and discussing important issues concerning education."

Moats is president of MSTA and a Waynesville resident. She has previously served as vice president of the influential organization and president of MSTA's South Central Region. Moats has been an educator for 26 years and currently teaches 7<sup>th</sup>-grade communication arts at Waynesville Middle School. She has sponsored National Junior Honor Society, Student Council and many other activities for students. Moats has also served on MSTA's Committee on Constitution, Bylaws and Rules.

Kulback, from Dixon, is the current president of the South Central Region. She has previously served as vice president and a state executive board member for the region. Involved in education for 25 years, Kulback has been an English teacher for 7<sup>th</sup>- and 8<sup>th</sup>-graders and has taught communications arts at Laquey High School for the past eight years. She has been involved in Future Teachers of America, National Junior Honor Society, Peer Mediation and many other programs, and she currently coordinates the Pulaski County Literacy Council 6<sup>th</sup>-Grade Read-a-thon. Kulback represents MSTA on the Missouri Advisory Council for the Certification of Educators and works as a teacher consultant for the Missouri Assessment Project (MAP).

"Valerie and Anna Marie have a wealth of experience teaching Missouri youths and improving education in Missouri," Barnitz said. "I wish them the best as they continue representing the 16<sup>th</sup> District and serving Missourians throughout the state."

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