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## Sen. Crowell Meets with Missouri State Teachers Association Members

JEFFERSON CITY— Sen. Crowell (R-Cape Girardeau), on April 18, 2007 welcomed to the Capitol local representatives of the Missouri State Teachers Association (MSTA). MSTA is a grassroots organization made up of local Community Teachers Associations (CTA) in each local school district.

Those visiting Senator Crowell in Jefferson City were Becky Ledbetter, Sheryl Smith and Pat Renard of Cape Girardeau; Ginny Hogan, Cheyenna Heifner and Joe Clausen of Fredericktown; Heather Weiss of Farmington; Donna Roberts of Glen Allen; Jena Mabry of Altenburg and Trisha Schneider of Chaffee.

"Coming from a family of educators, I appreciate the opportunity to meet with teachers from our area," Crowell said. "MSTA has a strong and unified voice in Jefferson City and when teachers from Southeast Missouri come to share their views of our education system, I welcome them to my office."

MSTA rallied in Jefferson City on Wednesday to advocate for several issues effecting teachers on a state level. Senator Crowell has worked this session to extend benefit options available to active teachers. Under current law the "25 and out" retirement provision for teachers would expire on July 1, 2008. SB 244 will extend this provision for five more years, or until July 1, 2013. Under this Senate Bill the 2.55 percent formula factor for teachers who retire with 31 or more years of experience would also be extended to the same time period.

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Sen. Crowell meets with the representatives from MSTA on the floor of the Senate.

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