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Sen. Jason Crowell Applauds Initiative That Will Help Sikeston Schools

JEFFERSON CITY— Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, announced today the Sikeston School District will receive over a quarter of a million dollars through the governor’s Mathematics, Engineering, Technology, and Science (METS) classrooms grants initiative.

“This is a great funding initiative,” said Sen. Crowell. “These funds will be in addition to the money we’re already spending on education in the 2009 budget.”

The Sikeston School District will receive \$267,000 for a middle school math and science project. The projects were selected through a competitive evaluation process conducted by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The five successful projects — including Sikeston — were the highest-rated proposals out of more than 30 that were submitted by school districts throughout the state.

These projects revolve around the use of the enhancing Missouri’s Instructional Networked Teaching Strategies (eMINTS) instructional model, which combines a technology-rich classroom environment with intensive teacher training and support providing teachers with lessons on how to incorporate technology into instruction and learning. The eMINTS model, developed in Missouri over the past decade, has been shown to improve student performance on the state MAP tests.

The one-year grant will help the Sikeston School District equip their eMINTS classrooms and support professional development for their teachers.

“Education is one of my top priorities,” said Sen. Crowell. “I am committed to ensuring that the children in my district get a world class education that prepares them for the challenges of the future.”

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