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## **Senator Keaveny Reminds Citizens of Bond Issue Designed to Improve St. Louis Public Schools**

JEFFERSON CITY – Senator Joe Keaveny (D-St. Louis) reminds citizens of the 4<sup>th</sup> District to get out and vote in the state primary election on Tuesday, Aug. 3. On the ballot this election is a bond issue that would provide \$155 million in improvements to the St. Louis Public Schools without raising the current tax levy.

If approved, [Proposition S](#) funds would be used to improve academic performance of students, ensure a safe and secure environment in all schools, and promote a healthy lifestyle for students.

“If you are familiar with St. Louis Public Schools, you know that a majority of the buildings are more than 75 years old,” said Sen. Keaveny. “The maintenance and improvements of buildings this old will continue to be a critical issue facing the current and future generations of our children.”

Education is not only priority of Sen. Keaveny’s in his district, but in the General Assembly as well. Last session he introduced bills that would have modified school attendance requirements to provide school districts the opportunity to stagger kindergarten start dates and lower the minimum age requirements for school attendance. In addition, he sponsored legislation that would allow foreign language immersion charter schools the opportunity to enroll children as young as age four in order to take advantage of that prime language learning time.

“As a member of the Joint Committee on Education, I have supported bills in the General Assembly that increase early childhood education options,” said Sen. Keaveny. “And despite a historic shortfall in the state budget this year, I worked with my colleagues in the Senate to make a conscious effort to continue to make education our state’s top priority.”

To find out more information on Proposition S, visit [www.slps.org](http://www.slps.org) and click on the Proposition S link on the left-hand side of the page.

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