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St. Louis Public Schools Accepted in to Missouri A+ Schools Program

JEFFERSON CITY — State Sen. Joe Keaveny, D-St. Louis, would like to acknowledge St. Louis Public Schools, which have met the criteria outlined by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s Office of Quality Schools to become part of the Missouri A+ Schools Program.

The Missouri A+ Schools Program provides graduating high school students with two years of education at any community college, vocational school or technical school in Missouri at no cost to the student. The mission of the Missouri A+ Schools Program is to encourage students to continue with higher education and have successful future careers. Students in St. Louis Public Schools will be eligible for these grants starting with the graduating class of 2011.

“I am very pleased that our St. Louis Public School System is now active in this beneficial program,” said Sen. Keaveny. “The A+ Program is an outstanding opportunity for students pursuing a college education, wanting to accomplish their long-term goals.”

Students wishing to participate in the Missouri A+ Program must achieve the following:

- Attend an A+ school for at least three consecutive years.
- Achieve an overall attendance rate of at least 95 percent for grades 9-12.
- Maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Perform at least 50 hours of district-supervised unpaid academic tutoring.
- Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoid the use of unlawful drugs and alcohol.
- Sign an A+ agreement.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) making a good faith effort to first secure all available federal financial aid that does not require repayment.

Funding for the Missouri A+ Schools Program is selected by the Legislature and subject to state funding approval. For further inquiries, please contact the A+ Coordinator located at each district high school, or call the Office of Public Information at (314) 345-2367.

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