

SENATE COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL NO: SB 971

SPONSOR: Trent

HEARING DATE: 2/3/2026

COMMITTEE: Education	
CHAIRMAN: Brattin	
DATE REFERRED: 1/8/2026	DATE HEARING REQUESTED:

STAFF:

Tom Estes
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WITNESSES GIVING INFORMATION:

Bill Gamble - Special School District of St. Louis County

WITNESSES FOR:

Brandi Johnson
Rei-Shana Adams
Cory Koedel - Show Me Institute
Camelia Peterson - Americans for Prosperity
Becky Lohman - Yes, Every Kid
Becky Lohman - Missouri Century Foundation
Kate Casas - KIPP-Stl
Jim Malle - Aligned

WITNESSES AGAINST:

Tammy Henderson - North KC Schools
Otto Fajen - Missouri NEA
Mike Lodewegan - Missouri Council of School Administrators
Dava-Leigh Brush - Missouri Equity Education Partnership
Caitlyn Whaley - Missouri School Boards' Association
Kenneth Southwick - CSDGKC
Chris Roepe - MRTA
Chris Roepe - Kansas City Public Schools
Matt Michelson - MO State Teacher's Association

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