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February 6, 2019

Missouri State Board of Education
205 Jefferson St.
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Honorable members of the Missouri State Board of Education,

Two years ago, the Missouri State Board of Education voted unanimously to grant the St. Louis Public School District full accreditation, citing the district's academic, financial, and operational improvements over the previous decade.

Just last week, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education once again reaffirmed the accreditation status of St. Louis Public Schools.

It is with these achievements in mind that I urge the Missouri State Board of Education to transition full control of the St. Louis Public Schools from the current Special Administration Board back to the St. Louis Elected Board of Education.

The transition back to a democratically elected board will allow for more local control, community input, and continued progress as the district moves forward with their locally elected leaders.

For our community – and especially our children – to truly thrive, we must be allowed to chart our own course and achieve our own dreams. There is still much work to be done to improve outcomes for the students and families of St. Louis, but I am confident that the St. Louis Elected Board of Education possesses the strength, stability, and vision needed to succeed in these efforts.

The time has come for this transition to finally happen, and I look forward to working with each of you to ensure that it does.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jamilah Nasheed".

State Senator Jamilah Nasheed
District 5

CC: The Honorable Governor Michael L. Parson
Dr. Margie Vandeven, Missouri Commissioner of Education
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