

Resolution on Amendment 3

Columbia Public Schools Board of Education

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 on the November ballot is a state mandate that shifts local control for educational decisions away from Columbia Public Schools parents, teachers, administrators and school board; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 is a proposal that has many unintended consequences for students, teachers, administrators and the school board of Columbia Public schools and school districts across the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 would prevent Columbia Public Schools Board of Education from hiring, promoting, compensating or dismissing teachers in accordance with board policy and local standards; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 would require students of Columbia Public Schools to take additional standardized tests; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 would force taxpayers of Columbia Public Schools to pay for additional standardized tests at a time when our public schools remain significantly underfunded by the state; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 would require state approval of the aforementioned additional standardized tests to receive state and local funds, putting control of local taxpayer dollars in the hands of the state; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 would place a financial burden upon Columbia Public Schools impeding the Board of Education's ability to fulfill the 10-year bond plan promise made to our community; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 would prevent Columbia Public Schools from using its current teacher evaluation process and mandate significant changes, moving teacher evaluations away from a tool to improve teacher performance and thus student performance;

Therefore be it RESOLVED, Columbia Public Schools Board of Education on this 18th day of September 2014, hereby opposes Amendment 3 on the November ballot.



BOARD PRESIDENT

TRACY L. DAVENPORT
Notary Public - State of Missouri
My Commission Expires October 3, 2017
Boone County
Commission #13480320

*Subscribed & sworn to me
on September 18, 2014.*

*Tracy L. Davenport
Notary Public*