

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY ON EDUCATIONAL FUNDING

The Missouri Constitution requires that the states provide for and fund public education.

Article III, Section 36 states:

All appropriations of money by the general assembly shall be made in the following order:

FIRST: For payment of sinking fund and interest on outstanding obligations to the state.

SECOND: For the purpose of public education.

(Followed by three through eight, which includes payment of civil list, health & welfare, etc.)

Therefore, the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers urges parents, educators and community members to impress upon state legislators the importance of education to the future of Missouri. Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers believes that Missouri voters will consider clearly written single-issue legislation, which will increase funding for education.

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