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PTA Mission – To make every child’s potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Amendment 5

Amendment 5 will be on the August 4th ballot! Below is important information about this amendment, including an interactive link to view detailed information for your school district. We encourage you to share with your membership the ramifications of this amendment to your school if passed. Make sure you share our social media posts on your pages and contact us with any questions.

Remember, we are the largest parent-led child advocacy organization in the country. Advocacy is the backbone of who we are. Let’s all take a stand for our schools and our youth!!

From our Partners at the Missouri Budget Project



Schools Face 18% Cut Under Tax Scheme

Lawmakers are considering swapping out the income tax for a greatly expanded sales tax. **The proposal would blow a \$5 billion hole in the state budget, causing massive cuts to schools, particularly in rural areas.**¹

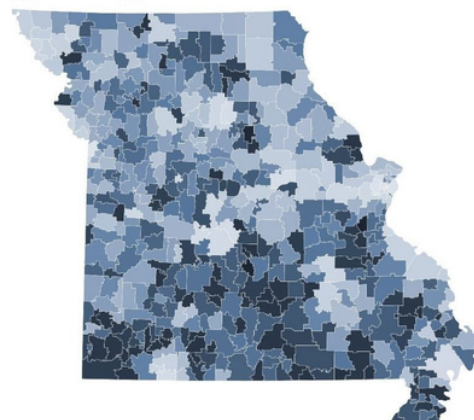
If resulting cuts are equally distributed across the budget, state general revenue funding for local schools would be cut by more than one-third, or \$1.4 billion statewide.² Depending on the school district, this could result in a nearly 18% cut in TOTAL school revenue including local funds.³

On average, that is a cut of **over \$1,800 per student** and is the equivalent of the **average salary of nearly 27,000 teachers or over 46,000 support staff** (such as bus drivers, cafeteria workers, custodians, paraeducators, and office staff) across all of Missouri’s local school districts.⁴

ELIMINATING THE INCOME TAX WOULD CREATE A \$5 BILLION HOLE IN MISSOURI’S BUDGET, LEADING TO CUTS FOR LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Estimated Budget Cut as a Share of Total School District Budget

0.5% 17.9%



Scan to access detailed information
for your school district!



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From The President's Desk



Hello Fellow PTA Volunteers,

Advocacy is at the heart of the PTA's mission. Missouri PTA hosts monthly virtual legislative meetings to keep members informed about the latest issues affecting our children in education, health, and safety.

Our Legislative Monthly Zooms are held on the third Tuesday of each month and are listed on our website calendar. Registration is required to attend.

This July, our focus is Amendment 5. It is important that everyone understands this proposed legislation and its potential impact before heading to the polls. We encourage all members and community advocates to stay informed, participate in the discussion, and be prepared to make an informed decision when voting.

Our children and our schools are counting on us to stay informed and make our voices heard at the polls. I hope to see you there!

If you're not yet a registered voter, there will be future opportunities to register and participate in upcoming elections and other voting opportunities that help shape our community's future.

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I appreciate all of you!

Christine Kent
Missouri PTA President, 2023-2026

Simple Ways Dads Can Play a Bigger Role in Their Child's Education

A father's involvement can make a meaningful difference in a child's educational journey. Research consistently shows that when dads and other positive father figures take an active interest in learning, children are more likely to have better attendance, perform well academically and enjoy school overall.

The good news is that being involved doesn't require unlimited free time. Whether you are a dad, stepdad, grandfather, uncle or another important male role model, small moments of engagement can have a lasting impact.

Here are a few easy ways dads can become more involved and help create a positive learning environment.

Be Part of the School Community

Children love seeing their parents involved in their world. When dads participate in school activities, it shows kids that school is important and worth supporting.

Getting involved can be as simple as:

- Attending school events, concerts or family nights
- Participating in classroom celebrations
- Volunteering to chaperone a field trip
- Joining school committees or advisory groups
- Supporting school fundraisers

If your schedule makes it difficult to attend during the day, look for evening events or opportunities to help from home. Even occasional participation can make a child feel proud and supported.

Join the PTA

PTA's aren't just for moms! The PTA has many levels of volunteer opportunities. Becoming a member helps strengthen school and parent partnerships and supports school programs. Joining also provides an opportunity to stay informed about what's happening in your child's school community.

Dads bring valuable perspectives, and schools benefit when a variety of parents are involved.

Volunteer When You Can

Many parents assume volunteering requires a large time commitment, but schools often appreciate any help.

You could:

- Read a book to a class
- Help during a special event
- Assist with a school project
- Share information about your job or hobbies
- Help organize materials for teachers

Build Relationships With Teachers and School Staff

Teachers and school staff are valuable partners in your child's education. Taking time to introduce yourself and stay connected can help you better understand how your child is growing academically and socially.

Consider:

- Attending parent-teacher conferences whenever possible
- Sending a brief email to introduce yourself at the beginning of the school year
- Checking in periodically about your child's progress
- Asking how you can reinforce classroom learning at home.



Read More

Join the Missouri PTA Dream Team!

We are looking for an Events Coordinator!

This role is ideal for someone who enjoys planning and managing events, collaborating with volunteers and community partners, and creating engaging experiences that support our mission of serving children and families across Missouri. If you have strong organizational and communication skills, a passion for event planning, and a commitment to making a positive impact, we'd love to hear from you. Apply today or share this opportunity with someone who would be a great fit!

[Apply Now!](#)



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

**7/20 – 6PM – Missouri PTA Legislative
Discussion Roundtable**

**7/29 – 6PM – Missouri PTA All Units Leadership
Growth Meeting**

Check out our website [calendar](#) to
Register for these events. All PTA members Welcome!

**8/31 – Deadline for Early Bird Membership
Award**

**8/31 – Deadline for Missouri PTA State Awards
from 2025–2026**

National PTA is proud to partner with Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) to bring families RIF's Reading Summer Camp! Together, we're helping young readers soar and maintain the valuable reading skills they built during the school year. Visit [RIF.org/summer](https://www.rif.org/summer) for FREE summer reading resources created by RIF's educators.



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Missouri PTA Board Of Managers members were able to celebrate Missouri's own, Dr. William (Bill) Datema at the 2026 National PTA Convention.

Public health leader Dr. William (Bill) Datema was installed as the 59th president of National PTA at the 2026 National PTA Convention in Pittsburgh! Dr. Datema started his PTA journey as a student member and has served in leadership roles and on a variety of committees at the national, state and local levels. He will serve as president of National PTA until June 2029. Please join us in welcoming him as our new president