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Sen. Shields is Endorsed by Key Teacher Organizations

Senator Charlie Shields today announced that he has received the endorsement of the two largest teacher organizations in Missouri. The Missouri State Teachers Association and the Missouri National Education Association have both endorsed the candidacy of Senator Shields.

“I am pleased to have the endorsement of both of these pro-education groups.” Shields said. “Teachers have seen my commitment to education, from my 15 years on a local school board to passing legislation in the Missouri Senate that created a new funding mechanism to fairly distribute state money to our local schools.”

In 2005, Senator Shields was the author of SB 287. SB 287 will send over \$13 million of new state money to Platte County Schools, all without a tax increase. There has been no bigger advocate for education than Senator Charlie Shields. He has led the charge in advocating for local control of our schools and empowering teachers and parents to make the best decisions for our children’s education.

“Senator Shields has demonstrated a strong commitment to public education, fighting for legislation to improve early childhood programs, streamlining certification for teachers and ensuring local districts maintain control over curriculum and instruction” said Mike Wood, MSTA Associate Executive Director. “Missouri NEA appreciates Sen. Charlie Shields’ longstanding efforts to support public schools.” Greg Jung, Missouri NEA President said.

“I have always had a passion for education and understand that providing a first-class education to our children will make Missouri a leader in the 21st Century. People in Platte County care deeply about their children and their schools.” said Shields. “While we have made great strides in education, I still want to do more to ensure a world class education for all children.”

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