

Fellow Democrats,

I hope all of you had a great weekend!

STATE COMMITTEE MEETING

MISSOURI DEMOCRATIC STATE COMMITTEE

3rd Quarter Meeting Agenda

Saturday, July 15, 2017

10:00 - 11:00 AM	Women's Caucus
10:00 - 11:00 AM	IT Committee
10:00 - 11:00 AM	Platform Committee
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Rural Caucus
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Executive Committee
12:30 - 2:30 PM	Lunch, Welcome & State Committee Meeting
Upon Adjournment	Progressive Caucus
Upon Adjournment	Canvass for Michela Skelton for House District 50

- Call to Order - Chair
- Call Roll - Secretary
- Approval of Minutes - Secretary
- Treasurer's Report - Treasurer
- Report of Committees
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
 - Introduction of MDP Summer Team
 - Discussion and Vote on Proposed Changes to the MDP Bylaws - Specifically, the HB 1477 changes
- Announcement of Next Meeting
- Open Floor for Comments/Announcements
- Adjourn

IMPORTANT: State Committee Members please **RSVP** to Emily at ewaggoner@missouridems.org. Box Lunches are for State Committee Members only but we **MUST** know the number of attendees for the order. If you have special dietary needs please let us know so we can make arrangements.

CONTACT THE MDP TO SPEAK AT YOUR MEETING

If you have an upcoming meeting and would like for a member of the Missouri Democratic Party Staff to speak, please take the time to [fill out this form](#). A member of our team will reach out to you to confirm availability and event details.

ACTION ALERT

**Call Senator Blunt and your U.S. House Representative
to tell them (at the very least) we deserve a public
hearing on Trumpcare**

SAMPLE MESSAGE:

“I’m a constituent, I live in *[your town name]*, and I am very concerned about the way Republican Senators are conducting backroom negotiations on the AHCA and hiding its components from Senate Democrats and the public until they take a vote on it. I’m calling to ask *[insert name of Representative]* to call for an open, fair hearing on the AHCA.”

Submit a letter to the editor about Trump's disastrous education cuts

Below is a sample letter to the editor about Trump's budget cuts to our public schools for you all and your followers to edit and localize as you see fit before submitting to your local paper. ***Copy and edit the letter below with your personal opinions and send it on to your local news outlets.*** If you have any questions on how to submit a letter to the editor, please reach out to Sam Newton by email at snewton@missouridems.org. He's more than happy to answer any questions you might have!

SAMPLE LETTER:

The GOP's Education Cuts Make No Sense for Missouri

In Missouri, our public schools are more than just a place for our kids to grow and learn, they're often central to our communities.

You'd think that anyone in government who understands this would make public education a top priority, at any level. But unfortunately, the cuts in President Donald Trump's budget to the Department of Education - which is headed by billionaire Betsy DeVos - show the exact opposite.

The budget strips away over [\\$9 billion](#) from our public schools in order to help [pay for](#) voucher programs. This makes absolutely zero sense for our state – especially in rural Missouri, where choices are very few and far between, and the idea of shortchanging our public schools and being handed a voucher to pay for a private school makes no sense. These cuts are so radical that even MO Sen. Roy Blunt is speaking out against them.

However, the rest of our Republicans in Congress have been silent and Betsy DeVos has been publicly defending them on behalf of Trump.

I hope that you will all join me in telling President Trump, Betsy DeVos, and Missouri's Republicans in Congress that we want the best for their children, but these cuts to the education budget are not even close to the best. They're incredibly damaging.

STORIES OF THE WEEK

- [KC Star Editorial Board says Latest Special Session from Greitens is “Waste of Time and Money”](#)
- [Blog: Missouri Democratic Party Relaunches #20KPerDay Digital Campaign](#)
- [The Republicans Health Care Bill Threatens Rural Hospitals](#)
- [MDP Chair Talks to PBS Newshour About Missouri’s Growing Grassroots Energy](#)

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Webber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stephen" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Webber".

Stephen Webber

Chair, Missouri Democratic Party