HERewith I return to you Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2 entitled:

AN ACT

To appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the State Board of Education and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the several divisions and programs thereof to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Section 2.006

I hereby veto $190,304, including $84,846 general revenue for the purpose of funding performance incentives for high-achieving department employees. Alternative performance-based incentive structures are being analyzed in an effort to maximize this targeted investment in recruiting and retaining state employees.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety.
From $84,846 to $0 from general revenue.
From $105,458 to $0 from federal and other funds.
From $190,304 to $0 in total for the section.
Section 2.092

I hereby veto $5,000,000 general revenue for deferred maintenance grants for charter school facilities. These funds were not included in my budget recommendations. This funding is limited to charter schools, unfairly limiting access to K-12 schools. Deferred maintenance is the responsibility of the charter sponsor, not the State. Additionally, deferred maintenance for state facilities and at public institutions of higher education exceeds $2.8 billion and there is no program to address these needs.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from $5,000,000 to $0 from General Revenue Fund. From $5,000,000 to $0 in total for the section.

Section 2.122

I hereby veto $2,000,000 general revenue for the purpose of funding a workforce diploma program for adults without a high school diploma. These funds were not included in my budget recommendations and a veto of these additional funds is necessary as the legislation to establish the program was not approved by the General Assembly.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from $2,000,000 to $0 from General Revenue Fund. From $2,000,000 to $0 in total for the section.

Section 2.177

I hereby veto $2,275,000 general revenue for transfer to the School Turnaround Fund. Performance measures and program outcomes for three schools should be reviewed to determine program effectiveness prior to expanding to additional schools.

By $2,275,000 from $3,250,000 to $975,000 from General Revenue Fund. From $3,250,000 to $975,000 in total for the section.

Section 2.178

I hereby veto $2,275,000 School Turnaround Fund for the School Turnaround Program. Performance measures and program outcomes for three schools should be reviewed to determine program effectiveness prior to expanding to additional schools.

For the School Turnaround Program
By $2,275,000 from $3,250,000 to $975,000 from School Turnaround Fund. From $3,250,000 to $975,000 in total for the section.

Section 2.179

I hereby veto $3,000,000 general revenue for a program to recruit and place full-time dedicated postsecondary advisors in up to forty rural high schools across Missouri. This is not an appropriate use of state funding and should be funded locally. The budget fully funds the foundation formula and it is at each school district's discretion to allocate their resources as needed.
Said section is vetoed in its entirety from $3,000,000 to $0 from General Revenue Fund.
From $3,000,000 to $0 in total for the section.

On June 30, 2021 I approved said Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2, except for those items specifically vetoed and not approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael L. Parson
Governor