TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

Herewith I return to you Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute House Bill No. 3002 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, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

Section 2.025

I hereby veto $4,875,000 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Federal Emergency Relief 2021 Fund for the School Turnaround Program. This increase utilizes one-time federal funding to add additional schools to a program that requires a multi-year commitment. Further, the program started one year ago and no performance measures reflecting program success have been demonstrated yet to date. Demonstrated effectiveness should be a prerequisite before the program is expanded to additional schools. This maintains core funding of $975,000 general revenue.

For the purpose of funding the School Turnaround Program.
From $4,875,000 to $0 from Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Federal Emergency Relief 2021 Fund.

I hereby veto $2,000,000 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Federal Emergency Relief 2021 Fund for a chemistry and physical science 3D game-based learning platform for middle and high school students. Although it does not identify a specific vendor, this appropriation appears to describe a specific vendor’s learning platform as identified on the
vendor’s website. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is subject to state purchasing laws set forth in Chapter 34, RSMo, and must follow those laws when selecting a vendor rather than contracting with a particular vendor. Additionally, this program provides one-time state funding to support ongoing program costs, which could possibly jeopardize the program’s future sustainability.

For the purpose of funding a chemistry and physical science 3D game-based learning platform. From $2,000,000 to $0 from Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Federal Emergency Relief 2021 Fund.

By $6,875,000 from $2,442,048,430 to $2,435,173,430 in total for the section.

On June 30, 2022 I approved said Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute House Bill No. 3002, except for those items specifically vetoed and not approved.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Michael L. Parson
Governor