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# **MRTA LEGISLATIVE DAY FEBRUARY 14, 2012**

## **ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE 2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**#1) MRTA STRONGLY OPPOSES THE CONCEPT OF A STATE INVESTMENT BOARD/COMPANY AS HAS BEEN PROPOSED IN THE PAST BY SENATOR JASON CROWELL.**

**#2) MRTA OPPOSES ANY LEGISLATION THAT PUTS NEWLY HIRED EDUCATORS INTO A PRIVATE RETIREMENT PLAN (401 K) OR INTO A NEW TIER SYSTEM THAT REDUCES EDUCATOR RETIREMENT BENEFITS. THE PSRS/PEERS SYSTEM IS STRONG AND 85% FUNDED. NO HELP NEEDED.**

**#3) MRTA SUPPORTS FULL FUNDING OF K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION AS THE MISSOURI CONSTITUTION MANDATES THROUGH HB 2, THE SECOND PRIORITY OF STATE EXPENDITURES.**

**#4) MRTA STRONGLY OPPOSES SB 706 – CUNNINGHAM, PRIORITY! STATE TAX DOLLARS DIRECTED TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS THROUGH VOUCHERS OR SCHOLARSHIPS. SB 706 HAS BECOME THE CHRISTMAS TREE OF LEGISLATION THAT MRTA OPPOSES.**

**#5) MRTA OPPOSES HB 1228 (REPS. JONES & COOKSON) AND SB 576 (SEN. STOUFFER) THE EXPANSION OF CHARTER SCHOOLS WITH NO ACCOUNTABILITY.**

**#6) MRTA OPPOSES THE CONCEPT OF TABOR (SPENDING CAPS) - HJR 43 (REP. BURLISON) AS THIS WILL HURT PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING.**

**#7) MRTA OPPOSES HB 1526 (REP DIECKHAUS). THIS BILL ELIMINATES TEACHER TENURE.**

**#8) MRTA SUPPORTS AND WILL PROTECT THE PENSION BENEFITS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL RETIREMENT SYSTEMS OF KANSAS CITY AND SAINT LOUIS CITY.**

***MRTA WORKS TO PROTECT THE PENSION BENEFITS AND TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL MISSOURI EDUCATION RETIREES--PRESENT AND FUTURE***

**THE MRTA 2012 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM IS ATTACHED FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

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