Challenges to Public Education Financing Facing Missouri and the Nation

Co-Hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and the Murray Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy at Washington University in St. Louis

Friday, November 4, 2005
May Auditorium, Simon Hall
Washington University

7:30 a.m. – 8:15am Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:15 am - 8:30 am Opening Remarks
Cletus Coughlin, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
Walter Metcalfe, Bryan Cave
Steven Smith, Weidenbaum Center

8:30am – 9:45am Alternative Education Finance Strategies and Formulas
Moderator: Carol Camp Yeakey, Washington University
Presenter: Thomas Nechyba, Duke University
Discussant: Ross Rubenstein, Syracuse University

9:45am – 10:00am Break and refreshments

10:00am – 10:45am Education Finance in Missouri: Current System and Reform Plans
Presenter: Mike Podgursky, University of Missouri

10:45am – 12:00pm Panel Discussion: Education Finance in Urban and Rural Areas
Moderator: Sheila Murray, RAND
Panelists: Doug Baum, CFO, Ritenour School District
Craig Larson, Superintendent, Rockwood School District
Terry Adams, Superintendent, Rolla School District
Michael Parnell, Superintendent, Jefferson School District

12:00pm – 1:15pm Lunch

1:30pm – 3:00pm Improving Student Achievement and Accountability
Presenter: Eric Hanushek, Stanford University
Discussant: Steven Rivkin, Amherst University

3:00pm – 3:15pm Break and refreshments

3:15pm – 4:45pm Panel Discussion: The Education Finance Debate in Missouri
Moderator: Mike Podgursky, University of Missouri
Panelists: Maida Coleman, Democratic Missouri State Senator
Yvonne Wilson, Democratic Missouri State Senator
Edward Robb, Republican Missouri State Representative
Brian Baker, Republican Missouri State Representative
Gerri Ogle, Associate Commissioner, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

5:00pm – 6:00pm Reception