A strong supporter of education, Governor Parson and his administration have worked with the Departments of Elementary and Secondary Education and Health and Senior Services throughout COVID-19 to provide critical guidance and assistance for Missouri’s 555 school districts and charter schools.

- Allocated $79 million to expand education opportunities and address COVID-19 challenges
- Allocated $30 million to address the digital divide
- Allocated $15 million to support student transportation costs
- Allocated $4 million to support Sheltered Workshops
- Secured waivers to feed students during school closures
- Removed entrance barriers to the teaching profession to mitigate teacher shortages
- Held roundtable discussions with administrators and teachers across the state
- Developed application process for schools to receive a portion of 1.84 million rapid antigen tests
- Distributed 3.8 million cloth masks to schools
- Distributed 288,000 student meals in partnership with the Missouri National Guard
- Issued three rounds of school reopening guidance and FAQs
- Issued PPE guidance for school nurses
- Approved an emergency rule regarding substitute teaching certifications
- Altered attendance formulas to accommodate alternative learning methods