



YES ON
FOR CHILDHOOD
LITERACY FUNDING



GET THE FACTS ON AMENDMENT 5



MISSOURI'S CHILDHOOD LITERACY IS IN DECLINE

Missouri used to be a leader in early-childhood literacy, ranking 14th in the nation in 2003. But as of this year we've slipped to 37th, falling behind six of our eight neighboring states. **Today, seven in ten Missouri fourth graders are not proficient in reading.**

YES ON 5 IS THE SOLUTION

YES on 5 will allow for a new casino and resort destination on the Osage River at the Lake of the Ozarks. All state tax revenues generated – estimated at \$14 million annually – are constitutionally required to go directly to early-childhood literacy programs in public schools. **That represents a 53% increase in funding over current levels of a little over \$27 million.**



CONSTITUTIONALLY REQUIRED FUNDING

It's right there in the ballot language – the state tax revenues generated by the new casino complex are constitutionally required to fund early-childhood literacy programs. Lawmakers will not have the option to divert the funds elsewhere.

POSITIVE LOCAL IMPACT ON THE LAKE

YES on 5 would help create more than 700 new union, good-paying, year-round jobs with salaries and benefits. Each year, the casino and resort would also generate an estimated \$2.4 million in local tax revenue every year to help improve roads, utilities, and public safety.



“For the first time, Amendment 5 creates a constitutionally-required, dedicated, annual funding stream for early-childhood literacy programs.”

- Rep. Cody Smith, Missouri House Budget Chairman



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