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**MSTA Teams With Bukaty Companies
to Offer Employee Benefits to Missouri Schools**

Springfield, MO (Nov. 30, 2006) -- The Missouri State Teachers Association (MSTA) recently signed a licensing agreement with Bukaty Companies, a leading Kansas City brokerage firm, to provide employee benefits and insurance products to Missouri schools.

Given that healthcare costs continue to absorb a significant share of a school's budget, MSTa leaders directed Bukaty Companies to develop a portfolio of products that provide quality insurance protection at an affordable cost.

"Bukaty Companies was able to leverage the buying power of MSTa's membership to secure some attractive rates from specific carriers," said Scott Hefner, Bukaty Companies vice president. "Now that we have the products and services that Missouri school employees need, we're beginning a statewide effort that includes meeting with superintendents and employee benefit committees to explain the value of the various MSTa benefit plans." The MSTa product lineup includes health, dental, life, disability, home and auto insurance, as well as retirement plan services.

"We are celebrating our 150-year anniversary this year, and as we enter the next era, we are pleased to partner with Bukaty Companies," said MSTa Executive Director Kent King. "We believe that Bukaty Companies can provide a level of customer service that our members deserve and expect."

"The rollout of the new MSTa employee benefits program provides schools a much needed choice when evaluating benefit options," said Bukaty Companies President Mike Bukaty. "Our goal is to provide products and services that represent the best value in the industry."

Bukaty Companies is a full-service regional insurance and employee benefits consulting firm. In addition to representing school districts throughout the region, the company has more than 1,500 clients in the greater Kansas City metropolitan and surrounding areas. For additional information about the MSTa benefit plans, contact Scott Hefner at (888) 657-0440.

The Missouri State Teachers Association is the leading education organization in the state, with more than 44,000 members. This year MSTa is celebrating 150 years of service to Missouri educators. The association's headquarters is in Columbia, Mo., with regional offices in St. Louis, Lee's Summit, Jefferson City, Cape Girardeau and Springfield. MSTa has no national affiliation.

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