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The Grandview R-II School District has joined a lawsuit alongside other school districts, fire protection districts, and taxpayers to challenge the constitutionality of Section 137.1055, RSMo, enacted through Senate Bill 3. The new law introduces inconsistent property tax credit provisions that vary by county, creating uncertainty for schools and essential public services across Missouri.

For decades, Missouri's public schools have depended on stable local property tax revenue to educate students, maintain facilities, and meet their obligations to the community. By dividing counties into different categories with tax freezes, caps, or no limits at all, the law introduces arbitrary and unfair disparities. These inconsistencies undermine schools' ability to budget responsibly and jeopardize the constitutional promise of equal treatment under the law.

Section 137.1055 establishes unconstitutional classifications, forcing taxpayers who live in the same school district but different counties to be treated differently. The new system creates inequities within a single school community. The law also destabilizes revenue streams not only for schools but also for fire protection districts, libraries, and ambulance services that depend on fair and predictable local funding.

By participating in this lawsuit, Grandview R-II is protecting the local resources that families, students, and local taxpayers count on.