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## **S&P: Some Missouri School Districts Could Face Long-Term Financial Pressure From Mask Mandate Lawsuits, Others Could Face Higher Capital Costs**

### **Key Takeaways**

- The Missouri attorney general is suing 45 Missouri school districts for enforcing mask mandates.
- We do not anticipate any major pressure on the districts' credit quality in the short-term. However, a significant judgement against the districts could pressure finances or operations and consequently credit quality.
- We will consider any rating actions on a case-by-case basis.
- The treasurer's office has disallowed school districts who enforce a mask mandate from participating in the Missouri enhancement program.

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