

FUNDING EDUCATION IN MISSISSIPPI

Because of inflated numbers used in the 2002 budget, the Governor's office was required by state law to announce mandatory reductions in the education budget. These same overly optimistic revenue projections caused the Governor to veto that budget last spring.

Governor's Budget for 2003 makes education a priority and will prevent future cuts to our schools.

Governor's Budget 2003 Recommendations	Legislative Budget Office 2003 Recommendations
Funds Education as a priority	Allocates \$56.9 million less for Education than Governor's Budget
Restores \$30.5 million in funding for teacher supplies	Provides for barely enough money to buy one pencil for each student
Maintains Adequate Education Program Funding at 2002 Level	Allocates \$55 million less for Adequate Education Program than Governor's Budget
Based on Realistic growth rate of 2.65% for 2003 and a -2.2% growth rate for 2002	Based on growth rate of 4.3% for 2003 and a .7% growth rate for 2002

When the state legislature fails to make education a priority, that burden is then passed on to the local communities and taxpayers.

Contact your Legislator TODAY and ask them to support a budget that makes EDUCATION a priority.

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