

FUNDING EDUCATION IN MISSISSIPPI

On February 13, 2002, the Governor's office announced reductions in the 2002 education budget. These reductions were the result of misplaced priorities in the budgeting process. The Governor's Budget for 2003 makes Education a priority.

Governor's Budget 2003 Recommendations	Legislative Budget Office (LBO) 2003 Recommendations
Funds Education \$56.9 million higher than LBO	Does not make education a priority
Restores \$30.5 million in funding for teacher supplies	Provides for barely enough money to buy one pencil for each student
Funds the Adequate Education Program \$55 million more than LBO	Does not provide enough funding for the Adequate Education Program to meet the needs of our children
Based on Realistic growth rate of 2.65%	Based on growth rate of 4.3%

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