

## **Northeast Community College Newsletter**

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Mississippi's community colleges are key players for our state's economic success. They are essential to expanding our economic development and other areas that have a direct impact on the quality of life of our people. Community colleges specifically target a local region of the state, and they are in close contact with that area's needs.

Our budget recommendation for Community and Junior Colleges is approximately \$11.5 million more than the Joint Legislative Budget Committee is recommending. If the State of Mississippi expects to attract more business and industry to our state, then our community colleges must have the funds to train and educate our future workforce.

We must continue to work together to improve our educational opportunities in the State. Mississippi is becoming more competitive with the nation and the world. We must continue to excel and look for new opportunities to show the nation and the world that we are America's State of Promise.

Governor Ronnie Musgrove