

This week, we have seen another historic first for Mississippi. During a time when almost every state in the nation is making dramatic cuts to education, we are taking action that demonstrates true leadership and commitment to our children.

During my State of the State, I asked the legislature to fully fund education and to do it now. With the recent action by the Senate and House, I look forward to signing the bill.

What a historic time for Mississippi - our students deserve nothing less.

With a national recession that affects our state, we must continue to fight for our future. By putting our schools first, we will guarantee the success of our children and our grandchildren.

Princeton Review recently ranked Mississippi's testing program in the top ten in the nation. Our test scores are up, more of our high school students are going to college, and we are paying our teachers as the professionals that they are.

Following my State of the State, many asked what was significant about fully funding education. Putting our schools first means putting our communities first. Ask yourself, can we afford not to?

I'm Ronnie Musgrove, and this has been the Mississippi Minute. Thanks for listening.