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Legislative Briefing

Part II - Action Plan for 21st
Century Learning



The New 3R's

**An Education Agenda for the
New Millennium**



The Goal

**Education Policy That
Promotes 21st Century Learning
and Thinking**



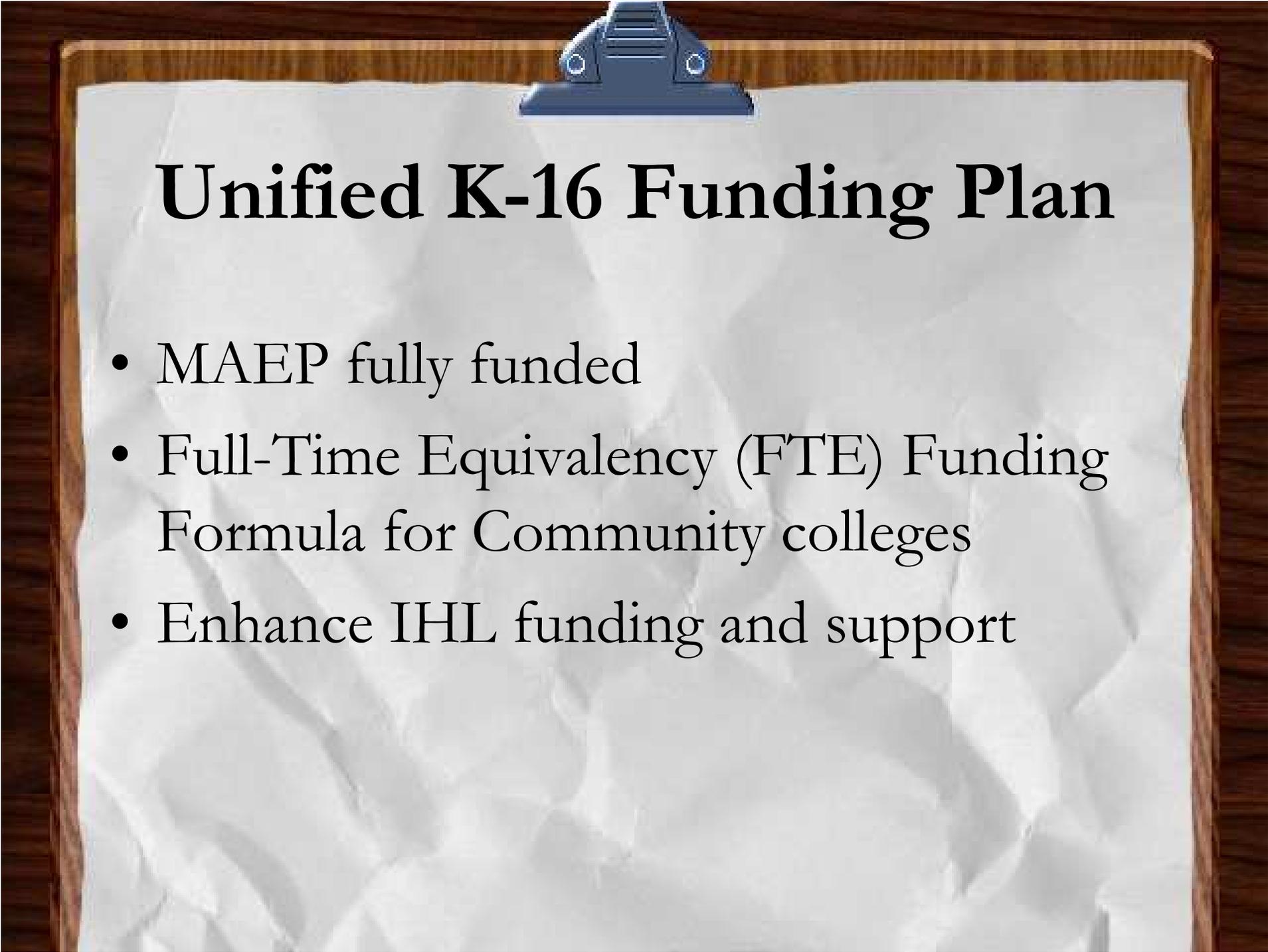
Preliminary

- Process and not an event
- 1st step in multi-year plan
- Inclusivity/ownership
- Focus on policies not personalities
- Statutes and regulations/mandates
- “Concepts not concrete”



Education Agenda 2002

Funding and Reform



Unified K-16 Funding Plan

- MAEP fully funded
- Full-Time Equivalency (FTE) Funding Formula for Community colleges
- Enhance IHL funding and support



K12 Reform Plan

The NEW 3R's



Education Imperative

- Education is first priority
 - Funding is first priority of *state*
 - Academic performance is first priority of *schools*
- Accountability
 - No excuses
 - Research based management/governance



The New 3R's

- **Reinvent** the delivery of education
- **Reassure** the quality of education
- **Reinvest** in the funding of education



Reinvention Issues

Comprehensive Redesign of the
Education Delivery Model in
Mississippi



Basic Education Philosophy

- Reconsider relationship/roles of state control vs. local autonomy
- Remove top-down, micro-management model required by 20 years of legislative mandates
- Culture change: invest local leaders with entrepreneurial spirit



Roles of the Parties



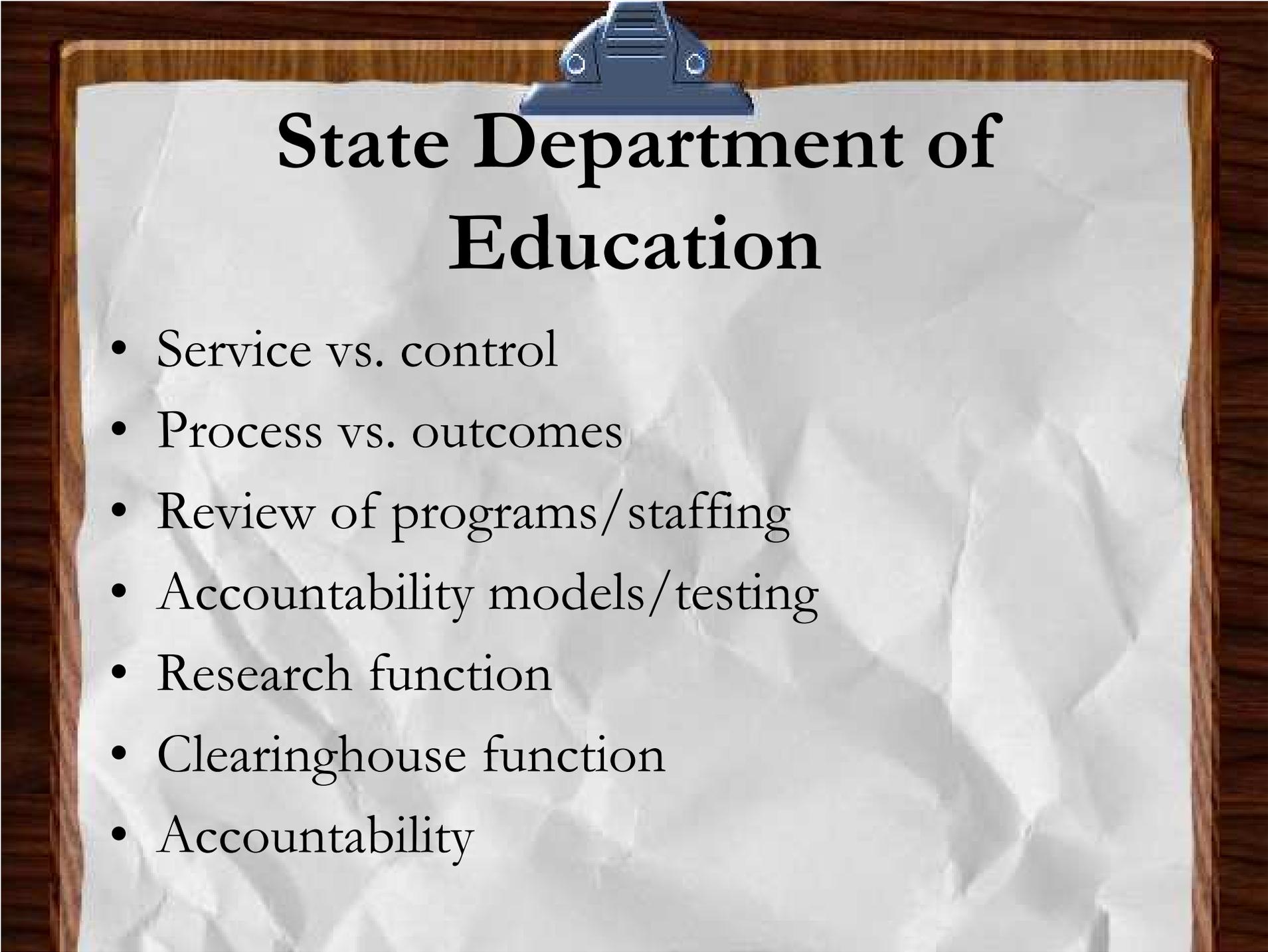
State Board of Education

- Leadership
- Service
- Authority
- Focus
 - Outcomes, not process
- Accountability



State Superintendent

- Powers and duties
- Service to local school districts
- Research
- Accountability



State Department of Education

- Service vs. control
- Process vs. outcomes
- Review of programs/staffing
- Accountability models/testing
- Research function
- Clearinghouse function
- Accountability



Universities and Colleges

- Education curricula/pedagogy
- Continuing training
- Accountability
- Inclusivity



**Local School
Empowerment**



Local School Empowerment

- Home rule authority
 - Operational
 - Academic
- Governance issues
- Staffing/outourcing
- Entrepreneurial culture



Local School Empowerment

- Engage the public
- Leadership training/recruiting
- Entrepreneurial development



More Reinvention Issues

A new look at old issues



Reinvention Issues

- Curriculum and calendar
 - State vs. local control
 - Compulsory attendance
- Public School Building Fund Regulations
- Consolidation approval
- Charter schools/school districts



Reinvention Issues

- Alternative schools
- Certification and Licensing
 - Standards
 - PERS issues (employee leasing)
 - Role of Commission



Reinvention Issues

- Teacher assistants
- Continuing education
 - School boards
 - Administrators
 - Teachers



Reassure

Accountability is **not** a dirty word!



Reassure / Accountability

- Statewide testing/assessment
- Accreditation Process
 - Inclusivity/ownership
 - Equity
 - Process vs. academic standards
 - “bulletin 172”
 - Procedures/due process
 - Penalties
 - Role of Commission



Reassure / Accountability

- Receivership / Conservatorship
 - Philosophy
 - Effectiveness



Reinvestment Issues



Reinvestment Issues

- Eliminate Unfunded State Mandates
 - Teacher salary scale disparities
 - Fingerprinting
 - Alternative schools
 - testing and assessment compliance
 - Etc., etc., etc.



Reinvestment

- Priority Funding
- MAEP
- Facilities
 - SDE funding formula and approval process
- Technology



Plan of Action

- Discussion, deliberation and debate
- Commitment to the **PROCESS** of reform
- Inclusivity
- Unified agenda
- Unified efforts



Conclusion

Working smarter, not just harder!