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Governor Musgrove Presents Emergency Funds to Stokes-Beard Elementary School in Columbus

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove returned to Columbus today to present a check for \$175,000 to be used for the immediate relocation of Stokes-Beard Elementary School in Columbus. The school was severely damaged in Sunday night's storm, and will have to be completely razed and rebuilt.

“So much of Columbus was damaged in these storms, and we're going to begin the rebuilding process as quickly as possible,” Musgrove said. “These funds represent a first step in that process.”

Therrell Myers, superintendent of the Columbus Municipal School District, sent a letter to Musgrove Monday requesting assistance with relocation costs for students and teachers at Stokes-Beard.

The funds for the relocation were transferred from the Working Cash Stabilization Fund into the Mississippi Disaster Assistance Trust Fund. Musgrove has expanded the call of the ongoing special legislative session to issue up to \$20 million in general obligation funds to assist with immediate needs at the Mississippi University for Women and the Columbus Municipal School District.

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