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Resolution **Higher Education Funding**

Due to the level of federal and State funding for higher education in Mississippi during ~~past~~ ***recent*** years, and the impact which these levels of funding have imposed upon all 8 institutions of higher learning, Mississippi public universities have been faced with serious challenges such as tuition ~~increases~~ ***adjustments*** and curriculum realignment. Delta Council urges that careful study be utilized in the implementation of any changes in formula funding, especially as it affects our two regional Universities in the Delta.

Delta Council continues to urge that increased State appropriations should be the highest priority of the Board of Institutions of Higher Learning. The net effect of most funding formulas ~~possesses~~ ***would create the*** risk of creating winners and losers in Mississippi higher education, unless carefully crafted.

Delta Council earnestly requests that the staff and the Board of Institutions of Higher Learning continue to examine ways to provide the leadership and organize the support of the business community, alumni from the respective universities and community leaders throughout the State of Mississippi, to appeal for a level of funding which is essential for maintaining a positive economic outlook and public service ~~for quality of life contributions~~ to Mississippi.

We express deep appreciation to the leadership of the Mississippi Legislature for funding of higher education; however, Delta Council is deeply concerned with the ~~reductions~~ ***funding levels*** which have been experienced by higher education in recent years. Special thanks are extended to Lt. Governor Reeves, Chairman Buck Clarke, Speaker Gunn, Chairman John Reed, Senator Briggs Hopson, and Governor Phil Bryant for joining in ***their*** support of higher education. ~~in recent years.~~

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